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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS 1727

(VOLUME No. 4.)

— *JANUARY 1726-27* —

The Consultation & Diary Book of the Worspll. George Morton Pitt Esqr. Deptj. Governor &ca. Council being their Proceedings in the Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United Company of Merchts. of England trading to the East Indies begun this first day of January 1726/7.

AT 'A CONSULTATION

WEDNESDAY 12TH. [*sic*]

Present

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.

MESSRS. ROBT. BERRIMAN. HUMPY. HOLCOMBE.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

The Deputy Govr. at *Madrass*.

Augustus Burton Provisionall Chief reads the Acct. of the Honble. United Compys. Cash for last Month the ballance whereof remaining is Pags. 22959. 4. 61. — Cash Accot. for Decr. read.

Augustus Burton Warehousekr. reads that Accot. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 333. 11. 74. also he reads the Journall Parcells to the last of December. — Warehr. Accot. for Decr. read & Journall Parcells.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 65. 11. 16. — Cuddalore Land Cusr. Accot. for Decr. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapm. reads that Accot. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 37. 18. 60. — Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custr. Accot. for Decr. read.

Robt. Brooke for Humpy. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 24. 35. 48. — Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for Decr. read.

The Warehousekeeper reports that Sha Permall the Compys. Merchts. hath brought in more Cloth than his debt to the Honble. Compy. — [The] Cmpys. Merchts: having brought in more Cloth than [his] Debt to ye. Compy. Pa 4,000 [is] Order'd to be Advanc'd Pa him 400 for Drapers.

ORDER'D that [four thousand] Pagodas be advanc'd [him on the running Contract, also 400] Pagodas to [Tondeveroy to provide Drapers].

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[Sloop] Ramah & Briggne. [Ma]latchmee dispatch'd [for] Fort St. George.

Augustus Burton Provisionall Chief Reports that he has loaded on the Rama eighty Bales for Fort S[t]. George and also proposes to put in Briggantine Malatchmee belonging to Tricom Chittee the remainder of our Bales.

AGREED that the Warehousekeeper do forthwith send on board the Bales, that she may be dispatch'd imediately to Fort S[t]. George.

Cotton Yarn Seized on the running it out of the Bounds a pa. fine of 20 [pd. &] also the Value of y[e]. yarn.

Richard Gilman pays into Cash twenty Pag[s]. a fine on Pitchandee & Vadamulla Chittees for running some Cotton Yarn out of the Bounds also he pays Pag[s]. 18. 4. 40, the Amount of the Cotton Yarn Seized on the running it, which was sold at Outcry on a Publick Choultry day.

Paymr. P 600.

ORDER'D that Pag[s]. Six hundred be advanc'd Augustus Burton & Rob[t]. Berriman Paymast[rs]. to defray charges Garrison.

AUG[S]. BURTON.
ROB[T]. BERRIMAN.
ROB[T]. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH[D]. GILMAN.

12 Brigg[n]. Malatchamaa saild for Madrass.

13 Brigg[n]. Good Hope from D[o].

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

M[R]. AUG[S]. BURTON PROV[LL]. CHIEF.

MESS[RS]. ROB[T]. BERRIMAN H. HOLCOMBE.
R. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH[D]. GILMAN.

The Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. *at Madrass.*

SUNDAY 15TH. [*sic*]

Paymrs, Accot. for Decr. read.

Rob[t]. Berriman Paymaster reads that Acc[t]. for last month particulars Viz[t].

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1109	5	28
Hospitall Charges	21	27	—
Peons & Servants wages	272	5	—
Charges General	83	33	76
Charges Extraordinary	33	12	—
Fortifications & Repairs	12	3	52
Fort House & buildings	60	20	50
Companys Garden	5	3	32
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
	1936	3	78[*sic*]

	Pa	fa	Ca
Ballance due from him	20	30	68.

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	Pa	fa	Ca
The Extraordinary charge in the above Acco^{t}. arises from			
Charges Extraordry. presents &c^{a}. as usual at Christmas	33	12	—
Fort House & buildings Seconds Lodgg^{s}.	60	20	50
Comp^{ys}. Garden repairs	5	3	32
	99	—	2

Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George dated the 9th. instant [read] adviseing us that the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. arrived [there] on the 28th. ultimo, and expected the dis[patch] of the Sloop Ramah according to [the] direction given us by our Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. also they order us to fill up the Briggantine Good hope with Bales imediately upon [her] arrival here.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from Mad^{s}, of the 9th. Jan^{ry}. Brigg^{ne}: Good hope to be fill'd up wth. Bales.

An answer to the several Paragraphs of [the] Hon^{ble}. Comp^{ys}. Gen^{ll}. Letters relateing to this [place] was now read approv'd & sign'd & order'd to be dispatch'd for Fort S^{t}. George leaving room therein for our Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. to Sign.

Sign'd & Dispatch'd an Answer to the Comp^{ys}. Par. concerning this settlement.

Aug^{s}. Burton.
Rob^{t}. Berriman.
Rob^{t}. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Rich^{d}. Gilman.

Brigg^{n}. Good Hope Sail'd to Madrass.	16TH.
M^{r}. Graham & M^{r}. Sanders went to Porto Novo.	17TH.
D^{o}. return'd.	22D.
M^{rs}. Holcombe went to Porto Novo.	23D.
M^{rs}. Holcombe return'd.	26.
Ship Moylan from Bengal Cap^{t}. Hurst Comm^{r}.	—
D^{o}. went to Porto Novo.	28
A Dutch Parr pass'd by from Nagap^{m}. bound to Sadrass.	—
Cap^{t}. She & M^{r}. Barnhold from Nagap^{m}.	
Ship Moylan went to Porto Novo.	29TH.
A Dutch Sloop from the N^{o}.ward bound to Porto novo.	

At a Consultation

Present

M^{R}. [Aug^{s}.] Burton Prov^{LL}. Chief.
Mess^{RS}. Rob^{t}. Berriman. H. Hol[combe].
Rob^{t}. Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Rich^{d}. Gilman.

Monday 30TH.

The D: Gov^{r}. *at* [*Madrass.*]

The Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that a [com]plaint being made to him of some mony [M^{rs}. Launce] was indebted to a Chittee fellow which she re[fused] to pay, it is Agreed to be referr'd to the [Justices] of the Choultry.

A Complaint against Mrs. Launce referr'd to the Justices.

Petition of Pitcha produced & [...] that we would order the Bound Ren[ters to pay] him the due Polligars fees of this place [for...] months past.

Petition of Pitcha Polligr. against the Rentrs.

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Justices to examine into the Affair.

ORDER'D that the Justices do Sum[mon to the] Choultry the Renters & their Conicoplys [to examine] into it.

New weights to be made in the Buzar.

The Severall Customers compla[ining that the] weights in the Buzar being most of th[em worn] out & useless.

ORDER'D that the Justices [do] examine them, that they may be mended, [new]weights made, as are requir'd for that [...].

Vinketty Puttee's demand upon Andee Chittee.

Vinketty Puttee presents a List [of Andee] Chittee's Effects praying we would ap[point a] person to examine into it, that a due [...] be laid thereon for Satisfaction of [...] Agreeable to an order; of Consultati[on of] 16th Decr. which is accordingly deli[ver'd] to Chief Justice who is to report the [result to] the Board.

Paymr. Pa. 1400. advanc'd him.

ORDER'D that fourteen hundred [Pags.] be advanc'd Augs. Burton & R[obert Berriman] Paymrs. to defray charges Garriso[n].

Storekrs. Accot. for Decr. [read]

Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper [reads that Accot. for last] month the ballance [due from] him is Pags. 101. 24. 63.

[. . .] Robt. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pags. 65. 11. 16. in full of his last month ballance.

[. . .] Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pays Pags. 37. 18. 60. in full of his last months ballance.

AUGS. BURTON.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

[. . .] Mr. Bennet arriv'd here from [Tanjore].

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 16TH. [*sic*].

MR. AU[GS.] BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
MESSRS. ROBT. BERRIMAN. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

The Deptv. Govr. *at Mad[rass]*.
MESSRS. HOLCOMBE BROOKE *Sic[k]*.

Genll. Letter from Mads. of the 30th. January.

A Genll. Letter from the Honble. President [and] Council of Fort St. George dated the 30th ultimo [was] read acknowledging the receipt of the Severall Letters & Bales Consig'd to them, & are pleas'd to say, th[at the] seasonable & ready dispatch we have made, is a good [sign] of our application in the Honble. Compys. Affairs & reco[mmend] it to be continued.

They order that every Sorter do chop each peice of Cloth they turn out wth. the initial Letters of their names.

They order, as it is judg'd necessary for the better service of our Honble. Masters, & that they may be acquain[ted] which of their Servants in future shall turn out Cloth that may be equal to the Musters, that every Sorter for the time comeing, do chop each peice of Cloth they turn out with the initial Letters of their names, & that when there shall happen to be any Quantity of Cloth so turn'd out, in the Warehouse, the same shall be revis'd & examin'd at a Sorting order'd for that purpose, the Deptv. Govr. & all the Council & Sorters to be present, they further say, that they would not hereby countenance the takeing in any Cloth that shall be

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inferiour to Muster, but recommend it; to take care that no Cloth that is equal to it, be turn'd out which will be the most effectuall way of Serving the Compy. well, by doing Justice to them and the Merchants.

The Provll. Chief reports he has advanc'd Sha Permll. four thousand Pagodas on his runing Contract & 600 Pags. to the Paymr. to defray charges Garrison. Sha Permall Pa. advd. 4000 & ye. Paymr. 600.

He also reads the Accot. of the Honble. United Compys. Cash for last month, the ballance whereof remaining is Pags. 16700. 3. 17. [Cash] Accot. for Janry. read.

The Storekeeper reports that there are some Stores become old & useless. [Sto]res to be Survey'd.

Order'd that Mr. Gilman with him do Survey the same & report it at the Board.

Peter Tahourdin for R. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month the ball whereof due from him is Pags. 63. 3. 72. [Cu]ddalore Land Custrs. [acco]t. for last month read.

Augs. Burton Warehousekr. reads that Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 221. 32. 62. [Wa]re-housekrs. Accot. for [last] Month read.

He also reads the Journall Parcells to the last of December. Journall Parcells read [to] the last of Decr.

Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapm. reads that Accot. for last month, the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 30. —. 48. Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs. Accot. for Janry. read.

Order'd that Frans. Veath be entertain'd in the Service of the Gunroom at Pags. 2. 9½. Gunroom a man entertain'd in that Service.

Augs. Burton.
Robt. Berriman.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.

Briggn. Moylatchamee Sail'd for Columbo. 17th.
Pass'd by a Dutch Ship from Pulicat bound to Nagapm. 18.
Mr. Threipland gone to Porto novo. 26.

At a Consultation

Present

Mr. Augs. Burton Provll. Chief.
Messrs. R. Berriman.
Robert Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.

Tuesday 28.

The Deputy. Govr. *at Madrass.*
Mr. Holcombe *Sick.*

A Genll. Letter from the Honble. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 22d. instant read acknowledging the Receipt of the Ramah's Cargo, & incloses Invoice & bill of loading for Wares ship'd on board her for this place. The Provll. Chief Reports he has recd. the under mention'd Sums from the Renters. Genll. Letter from Mads. of the 22d. Febry. adviseing of Wares sent us on the Ramah.

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Of Sadashavarrow & Tricom Chittee Bound Renters for a Quarters Rent due the last of Septr. ... ... 833 12 —

The Bound & Beetle & Tobacco Rentrs. pay one Quartrs. rent.

Of Do. Tobacco & Beetle Farmers for a Quartrs. Rent due the last of October ... ... 425 — —

Arrack Farmr. pays a Quartrs. rent.

Of Poncala Kistnah Arrack Farmer for a Quarters Rent due the 8th. of Decr. ... ... 300 — —

Rentrs. of ye. Weighing & Measuring Duties pay a Quartrs. rent.

Of Pancala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Renters of the weighing and measuring Duties for a Quarters Rent due the last of December ... ... 45 — —

Pags. 38 recover'd of ye. old Arrack Farmrs.

Provll. Chief also Reports he has recd. of Sadashavarrow Pags. 38. Accot. Cootah and Condapah old Arrack Farmers being in full of their Debt.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for Janry. read.

Peter Tahourdin for Humy. Holcombe Sea Custr. of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 25. 21. 8.

Tevenapm, Sea & Ld. Custrs. ballance for Janry. pd.

Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapm. pays Pagodas 30. —. 48 in full of his last Months ballance.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. ballance for Janry. paid.

Robt. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pags. 63. 3. 72 in full of his ballance for last Month.

[Pay]. masters Accot. for [last month read].

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot. for last months Particulars Vizt.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1102	22	60
Hospitall Charges	26	33	—
Peons & Servants wages	272	5	—
Charges General	63	32	58
Charges Extraordinary	14	30	28
Fortifications & Repairs	12	7	20
Fort House & Buildings	7	2	16
Garrison Cost & Charges	11	1	48
Companys Garden	10	21	6
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Dyett	288	—	—
	1859	11	76

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Ballance due from him	161	18	72.

The extraordinary expence in the above Accot. is from

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Extraordry. as usuall on new years day ...	14	15	14
Fort house & Buildings upon ye. Seconds Lodgs. ...	7	2	16
Garrison Cost & Charges	11	1	48
Compys. Garden Repairs	10	21	6
	43	4	4

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Messrs. Tahourdin & Gilmans report read concerning the old & useless stores in the Gunroom which is entred after this Consultation. A Report of the useless Stores read. to be wrote off.

ORDER'D that the same be wrote off to Proffitt & Loss.

The Justices read their report concerning the broken & useless weights wanting at their respective Choultrys which is enter'd after this Consultation. A Report concerning ye. Weights at the Choultrys.

ORDER'D that the old weights be mended & new ones made according to the said Report & the Compys. chop to be put thereon.

ORDER'D that 10001 [*sic*] Pags. be advanc'd Sha permall on his runing Contract. Sha Permll: advd. Pa 1001 [*sic*].

ORDER'D that fourteen hundred Pags. be advanc'd Augs., Burton and Robt. Berriman Paymrs. to defray charges Garrison. Paymr. advanc'd 1400 Pa.

Provisionall Chief Reports that [he has recd.] of Sha permll. & Tricom Chittee's Pags. 48. being the pr[opor]tion of Andee Chittee's Share in the Contract of the Old [Set] of Merchants which he Secured on Accot. of Andee Chittee debt to Venketty puttee Kistnah. Pags. 48 Secured on Accot. of Andee Chittees. Debt to Venkettee puttee.

ORDER'D the same be only deposited till the whole Set of Merchants are call'd upon & examin'd.

Sha Permaul being called in to make good Andee Chittee's Share of the Severall Godowns that are now made use of by him Amounting in the whole to 27 Pags. which he promises to Pay, & take them upon his own [Accot.] Agreeable to the Contract of the Partys concern'd that they should not dispose of their Shares but to each other, & at their first Cost. Pags. 27 pd. by Sha Permll. Accot. Andee Chittee.

AUGS. BURTON.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

Mr. Thereipland return'd from Porto novo. 28.

To MR. AUGS. BURTON
PROVLL. CHIEF OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

SR. & SRS.

Pursuant to your order of Consultation we have Survey'd the Compys. weights at their Respective places & find severall wanting & others broke which may be repair'd with a small Charge and also some less in weight they not having been lookt over for some years so that they are wore away by constant use: therefore we make bold to give an Exact Accot. of what is wanting and broke at the foot of this our Report, We are

SR. & SRS.

Your most Humble. Servts.

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 28TH. FEBRY. 1726/7.

H. HOLCOMBE.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

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AT THE BANKSALL IN CUDDALORE.

			lb.
broke ...	1	Weight	56
Wanting ...	4	Do.	56 each
	1	Do.	14
	1	Do.	½
	1	Do.	¼
	7	... ...	lb pz: 238¾

WANTING AT CUDDALORE LAND CUSTOM HOUSE THEIR BEING NO MORE THEN ONE HALF HUNDRED WEIGHT.

			lb.
	7	Weights	56 each
	1	Do.	28
	1	Do.	4
	1	Do.	3
	1	Do.	2
	1	Do.	1
	1	Do.	½
	1	Do.	¼
	14	... ...	lb. 430¾

AT TEVENAPATAM CHOULTRY.

			lb.
broke ...	1	Weight	56
Wanting ...	1	Do.	56
	1	Do.	2
	1	Do.	1
	1	Do.	½
	1	Do.	¼
	5	... ...	lb. 59¾

To MR. AUGS. BURTON
PROVLL. CHIEF OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

SR. & SRS.

According to your orders, we have Survey'd the Gunners Stores, & find the two trucks as also the two hatchets worn out, & fitt for no further use as we think they will cost more to repair them or at least as much as will make new ones.

[We are]
SR. & SRS.
YR. most HumbLe. ServTS.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

FORT ST. DAVID
YE. 28TH OF FEBRY. 1727.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. DEP^{Y}. GOV^{R}.
MESS^{RS}. AUG^{S}. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE. R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. RICH^{D}. GILMAN.

WEDNESDAY 16TH. [*sic*]

Augustus Burton late Prov^{ll}. Chief reads that Acco^{t}. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash to this day, the ballance whereof being Pag^{s}. 11434. 19. 57. is now deliver'd the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. — Cash Accot. read & Deliver'd ye. D: Gov^{r}.

Augustus Burton Accomp^{t}. reads the Journall Parcells. — Journall Parcells read.

He also reads his Warehousek^{r}. Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 113. 5. 46. — Warehrs. Accot. for Febry.

Peter Tahourdin Storekeep^{r}. reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 20. 14. 3. — Storekrs. Accot. for Febry. read.

Rich^{d}. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^{m}. reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 39. 13. 16. — Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs. Accot. for Febry. read.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pag^{s}. be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton & Rob^{t}. Berriman Paymasters. — Paymr. advd. 500 Pags.

Petition of Sha Permall read & is enter'd after this Consultation Setting forth, that on the 8th. of Dec^{r}. 1723, at night his house in Cuddalore was rob'd, severall Jewells & other things were taken out of a China box, to a considerable Amount, but that lately Pitcha has discover'd the fellow that had stole them by name Kistnah, & has Secur'd him for our examination, whereupon he being call'd before us, is strictly charg'd to give us a true Acco^{t}. of this Affair; & how he gott into Sha Permalls house, & carryed off those Jewells mention'd in the said Petition, he declares that he is a relation to Sha Permall, & was at that time in his Service, at pa. — Petition of Sha Permll. read complaining against one Kistnah who had rob'd him.

2 ℔Month, that at the time he committed this Robery, he found the door of Sha Permalls Room shutt, but the key being in it, he easily open'd the door & went into the room, where he found a Chest, & the keys lying upon it, wherewith he open'd the Chest, & in it was a box wth. some Keys, which box he open'd & took out the Severall things said to be contain'd in it, & afterwards made his escape over the wall, that the Severall things found in the house where he was in for picking of locks were not his but belong'd to a Goldsmith, that he did employ Ranga & Shasa boutique fellows, & Chellumbrum formerly one of the Merchants Servants to Sell severall things for him, & accordingly allow'd them something for their trouble, but that since they are gone up into the Country, the Stones that he has pick'd out of the Rings remains in the box but the gold he has sold.

AGREED that Kistnah be closely confin'd till Pitcha can produce the Persons that were employed to sell the Jewells, for a further examination into this Affair. — Kistnah confin'd.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^{S}. BURTON.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.

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16 Mons^{r}. Cordier from Pond^{ry}. wth. Mons^{r}. Phouir.
17 D^{o}. wth. M^{r}. Cordier return'd to D^{o}.
— Sloop Ramah from Mad^{s}.
19 D^{o}. Sail'd for Madrass.
— Pass'd by the Jenny Galley from Bengal bound to Madrass.
21 Mess^{rs}. Upton Gray & Nevil went to Madrass.
— Pass'd by a Dutch Brigg^{n}. from Nagap^{m}. bound to Metchlapatam.
22 Pass'd by the Bethlehem from Pegu bound to Madrass.
25 Mad^{m}. Holcombe & Le Febure went to Pond^{ry}.
— M^{r}. Holcombe & his Spouze went to Pond^{ry}.
26 The french Manilha Ship Pass'd to Pond^{ry}.
— A Chouliar Ship pass'd by from Cudda bound to Pond^{ry}.
— Pass'd by a Sloop with the Emperors Colours.
— A Sloop from Bengal touch'd here in her way to Mad^{s}.

To THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}.

DEP^{TY}. GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

THE HUM^{BLE}. PETITION OF SHA PERMALL.

That the 8th. of Dec^{r}. 1723 at night yo^{r}. Petitioner not being then at home his house in Cuddalore, was rob'd, & severall things that were in a China box, were taken away by the Person that is now in Custody, who having Confess'd the Same to M^{r}. Burton when he was Chief here, Your Petitioner begs leave to lay before you an Acco^{t}. of what his Losses are.

18 Rings Sett with Severall Sorts of Stones.
12 p^{r}. of earrings Sett with D^{o}.
4 p^{r}. of Ganister Beads & Pearls.
1 p^{r}. wth. Ganister Beads & Gold.
1 p^{r}. of Gold beads & pearls.
1 Gold Chain.
12 Gold beads & 14 Corrall beads.
109 gold beads: 4 China beads.
1 Silver box.
10 Pearls.
a Gold breastplate wth. a Chain & sett wth. Stones bought of Commodore Mathews.
Severall gold Moors, Chequins, & Moors Pag^{s}.
A Peice of Gold.
A Silver plate.
8 Dollars.
Swordbelts wth. Silver plates.
Jewells for Children 7 p^{r}. sett wth. Stones.
3 Gold forehead plates Sett wth. Stones.
A Chain of Corrall beads wth. Tygers Claws Sett in Gold
12 Gold beads for Women.
2 p^{r}. Silver belts, Manilha work.

Belonging to other People.
1 Necklace wth. gold Pearls.
A Gold Chain for the Neck.
2 gold Rings Set wth. Stones us'd for the Nose
1 Ring Sett with Stones.
1 Sett of Silver belts, & 1 p^{r}. of Silver Chains.

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Your Petitioner has good reasons to beleive that Severall of the above mention'd things are made away; by Ranga, Souba, & Chellumbrum, who were employ'd to dispose of them, & that many of the gold Rings are already melted down, so that he entirely relys upon your Worship &c^{a}. for Justice in this Case, & that you will take the Affair into Consideration for which he as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. DEP^{TY}. GOV^{R}. — MONDAY 27TH.
MESS^{RS}. AUG^{S}. BURTON. — R. BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE. — ROB^{T}. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. — RICH^{D}. GILMAN.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George, of the 20th. instant wth. Coppy of a Paragraph of the Gov^{r}. & Councils of Bombay Letter to them of the 18th. Jan^{ry}. last in relation to a Duty of 3 Rup^{s}. ℔ Candy order'd to be paid upon all Pepper purchas'd for Private Trade upon the Mallabar Coast, if any such Pepper should come to this Port we are to demand the Certificate requir'd, & act accordingly.

Genll. Letter from Mads. of the 20th. March.

A Duty of 3 Rups. ℔ Candy upon all Pepper.

They inclose us a List of Goods to be provided this Year & also send us Musters of Longcloth Ordry. N: 1 & 2 for us to Contract & Sort by hereafter which was drawn out of two bales N^{o}. 1 & 2 provided Last Year by our Merchants: here and weigh 12½^{lb}. each, and that our Merchants here may be convinc'd, that the Hon^{ble}. Gov^{r}. & Council do not intend any hardship to them, they send likewise their own Musters of the same Sortm^{ts}., by w^{ch}. they have Contracted, & do now Sort by, that they may be compar'd wth. the new Must^{rs}. & return'd to them.

Mustrs. of Longcloth Ordry. N. 1 & 2. to[sort] by.

Aug^{s}. Burton Accompt^{t}. produces the Acco^{t}. Sallary, due to the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Covenanted, Serv^{ts}. for Six months to the 25th. instant w^{ch}. is order'd to be p^{d}.

[Ac]cot. Sallary Ordd. [to] be paid.

Hump^{y}. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 118. 15. 24.

Sea Customer of Cuddalore's Accot. for Febry. read.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^{s}. 113. 5. 46. in full of his last months ballance.

Cudde. Land Custrs. ballance for Febry. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^{m}. pays Pag^{s}. 39. 13. 16. in full of his last months ballance.

Tevenapm, Sea & Land Custrs. ballance for Febry. paid.

ORDER'D that thirteen hundred Pagodas be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton & Rob^{t}. Berriman Paym^{rs}.

Pags. 1300 be advd. the Paymrs.

The Merchants are now call'd in & Agree to the Musters lately rec^{d}. from Madrass & also to Contract for two thousand Bales, according to the Condition of the Madrass Contract, & it is AGREED, that we forthwith write to Madrass for a fresh supply of Cash to enable our Merchants the better to carry on their new Contract, whose names are as follows:—

The new Merchts. Agree to the Contract.

Sha Permall.
Tondeveroy.
Verago Chittee.
Durmasheva Chittee.
Tricom Chittee.
Ornagilum Chittee.

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Paymrs. Accot. for Febry. read.

Robt. Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot. for last month Particulars Vizt.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1104	—	60
Hospitall Charges	18	11	58
Peons & Servts. wages	272	5	—
Charges Generall	64	19	38
Charges Extraordinary	3	10	—
Fortifications & Repairs	2	29	54
Fort house & buildings.	4	—	78
Garrison Cost & Charges	59	33	42
Companys Garden	6	11	52
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
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	Pa	fa	Ca
Ballance due from him	288	4	10.

The Extraordinary expence in the foregoing Accot. arises Chiefly from

	Pa	fa	Ca
Garrison Cost & Charges Fort wall	59	33	42
Fortifications & Repairs cleaning the Fort & mending Godowns &ca.	2	29	54
Fort house & buildings	4	—	78
Compys. Garden repairs there	6	11	52
Pags.	73	3	66

G. M. Pitt.
Augs. Burton.
Robt. Berriman.
Robt. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.

27 A sloop from Bengll. who touch'd here saild to Maddarass.

At a Consultation

Present

8th. The Worspll. George Morton Pitt Esqr. Deptv. Govr.
Messrs. Augs. Burton. R. Berriman.
H. Holcombe. R. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin. Richd. Gilman.

Genl. Letter from Mads. they give us leave to advance our Merchts. Pa. 10000.

Genll. Letter from the Honble. President & Council of Madrass incloseing a copy of the Severall Clauses in their Contract, & give us leave to advance our Merchants the sum of ten thousand Pagodas now sent us by Peons overland, that the Investment may be carryed on with Vigour; but we are to issue no more mony to them upon it, untill the Goods are deliver'd into the Warehouse & Embaled.

The Contract Sign'd.

The Merchants attending without were call'd in & the Contracts are now interchangeably Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd, & ten thousand Pagodas advd. them.

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Deputy Govr. reads the Accot. of the Honble. United Compys. Cash for last month the ballance whereof remaining is Pags. 9304. 23. 66. — Cash Accot. for last month read.

Augustus Burton Accompt. reads the Journll. Parcells. — Journall Parcells read.

He also reads his Warehousekr. Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 1107. 6. 63. — Warehrs. Accot. for last month read.

Humpy. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore pays Pags. 118. 15. 24 in full of his ballance for the month of Febry. — Cuddalore Sea Custr. pays his ballance for Febry.

He also produces the Choultry Registers wch. are now read. — Regrs. of the Choultry produc'd.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pagodas be Advanc'd Augs. Burton & R. Berriman Paymrs. to defray charges Garrison. — Pags. 500 advd. the Paymr.

G. M. PITT.
AUGS. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

The Briggn. St. Vincent Ferrier Sail'd to Madrass.	8TH
Monsr. Morandier from Pondry.	9
The new Mercht. Joeherifft.	10
Mr. Walker from Madrass.	11
Monsr. Morandier return'd to Pondry.	12
Monsr. Du Roiff's from Pondry.	14
A Chouliar Ship from Mallaca pass'd by to Madrass.	16
Monsr. Du Roide & De Lorran from Pondry.	—
Messrs. Du Roide & De Lorran return'd.	17
A Chouliar Ship Pass'd by from Pondry. bound to Porto novo.	20
A Dane's Sloop Pass'd by from Tranqr. bound to Allembrum.	22
Pass'd by the Prince Briggn. from Persia.	—
Sloop Ramah from Madrass.	27
Monsr. Ferrier & his Lady from Pondry.	29

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSPLL. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.

MESSRS. AUGS. BURTON.	ROBT. BERRIMAN.
HUMPY. HOLCOMBE.	ROBT. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.	RICHD. GILMAN.

Genll. Letter from Madrass of the 13th. instant incloseing Invoice & bill of loading for the Wares & stores sent upon the Ramah Sloop, was now read. — Genll. Letter from Mads. wth. Invoice & bill of Loading of the Ramah's Cargo.

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The Merchants having not, as yet rec^{d}. their usuall Tasheriff.

Warehr. to deliver out broad Cloth that the Merchts. may be Tasheriff'd.

ORDER'D that the Warehousek^{r}. deliver out the Broad Cloth &c^{a}. due to the Merch^{ts}. upon signing the present Contract.

Storekrs. Accot. for March read.

Peter Tahourdin Storek^{r}. reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 22. 22. 12.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for March read.

Hump^{y}. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 55. 24. 52 & pays Pag^{s}. 40 in part thereof.

Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs. Accot. for March read.

Rich^{d}. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^{m}. reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 76. 28. 60 which is paid.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. Accot. for March read.

Rob^{t}. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pag^{s}. 113. 1. 16 which is now paid.

Paymrs. Accot. for March read.

Rob^{t}. Berriman Paym^{r}. reads that Acco^{t}. for last month Particulars Viz^{t}.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1104	34	30
Hospitall Charges	22	12	28
Peons & Serv^{ts}. wages	272	5	—
Charges Generall	68	17	60
Charges Extraordinary	144	13	20
Fortifications & Repairs	10	21	74
Garrison Cost & Charges	6	22	16
Warehouse Godown.	4	33	32
Company's Garden	22	2	26
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
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ballance due from him 93. 21. 44.

The extraordinary expence in the foregoing Acco^{t}. is from

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Extraordinary ye. Govrs. travelling charges &c^{a}.	144	13	20
Fortifications & Repairs	10	21	74
Garrison Cost & charges Fort wall	6	22	16
Warehouse Godown putting up ye. Screws	4	33	32
Companys Garden repairs there	22	2	26
Pags.	188	21	8

Paymr. advd. Pa. 1300.

ORDER'D that Pag^{s}. 1300 be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton & Rob^{t}. Berriman Paym^{rs}. to defray charges Garrison.

Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs. Accot. for April read & ball paid in.

Rich^{d}. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acco^{t}. for this month the ballance whereof due from him is pa 59 fa 23 Ca 20 w^{ch}. is now paid.

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Augustus Burton Warehousekr. reads that Accot. for this month, the ballance whereof is now paid in being Pags. 583. 22. 27 & also delivers in his Accot. of remains.

Warehrs. Accot. for Mar read & ball paid in his Accot. of remains deliver'd in.

Humpy. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for this month of April the ballance whereof paid in is Pags. 56. 22. 32.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for April read ballance paid in.

Robt. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for this month, the ballance whereof paid in is Pags. 89. 27. 52.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. ballance paid in & the Accot. read for this month.

Peter Tahourdin Storekr. reads that Accot. for this month the ballance whereof due to him is Pags. 6. 27. 73Ca which is paid, he also delivers in his Accot. of remains of stores in the Storehouse.

Storekrs. Accot. for this month read ballce. paid in, and ye. Accot. remains deliver'd in.

Robt. Berriman Paymr. reads that Accot. for this month Particulars Vizt.

Paymrs. Accot. for April read.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1101	24	16
Hospitall Charges	18	24	56
Peons & Servts. wages	272	5	—
Charges General	64	25	22
Charges Extraordinary	5	20	—
Fortifications & Repairs	—	34	4
Garrison Cost & Charges	25	3	36
Companys Garden	16	34	12
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
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ballance due from him is Pags. 49. 30. 58. Upon examining the foregoing Accot. we find no extraordinary expence, but a small matter spent on repairs at the Garden's & the Fort Wall.

Greapa the Expence Braminy being an useless Servant to the Compy. he is order'd to be dismist the Service.

A Useless Conicoply (Greapa) turn out.

Robt. Berriman Paymaster reads the Accot. Exchange for one year & pays in the ballance being Pags. 184. 2. 51.

Paymrs. Accot. Exchge. produc'd & ballce. paid.

Richd. Gilman Steward delivers in his Accot. of remains, which is now deliver'd the Accompt.

Steward's Accot. of rems. [deliver'd] in.

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The Severall Renters now pay in their Quartrs. Rents due from them, & is of

		Pa	fa
The Bound & Beetle & Tobacco Rentrs. pay one Quartrs. Rent.	Sadashavarrow & Tricom Chittee Bound Rentrs. recd. of them a Quartrs. due the last of Decr.	833	12
	of Do. Tobacco & Beetle Farmrs. for a Quartrs. Rent to the last of Janry.	425	—
Weighing & measuring Farmrs. pay a Quarter's Rent.	Of Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Rentrs. of the weighing & measuring Duties for a Quartrs. Rent due the last of March	45	—
Arrack Farmer pays a Quarters Rent.	Of Poncala Kistnah Arrack Farmer for a Quartrs. Rent due ye. 8th of March	300	—

G. M. Pitt.
Augs. Burton.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.

30 Monsr. Ferrier Return'd to Pondry.

At a Consultation

Present

4th. The Worspll. Geo: Morton Pitt Esqr. Deputy Govr.
Messrs. Augs. Burton. R. Berriman.
H. Holcombe. Robert Brooke.
Richd. Gilman.
Mr. Tahourdin *Sick*.

Pags. 100. ordd. to be paid for materialls for a new Mill.

The Deputy Govr. acquaints us that when he was at Madrass he advanc'd Mr. Newcombe one hundred Pags. to provide Timber & Plank for the new mill that is to be built at Horse tail Point.

Order'd that the Sum of one hundred Pags. be paid him out of the Compys. Cash.

The Rentrs. of the Bound & Beetle & Tobacco Farmrs. prest. a Petition, setting forth that they have been great losers by those Farms.

Petition of the Bounds & Tobacco & Beetle Farmrs. was now read, setting forth, that they have been great losers by those farms, & especially by the Juncan, that was lately taken away from them, wherefore they pray that it may be taken into Consideration, for as their Cowles are almost expired, they cannot engage themselves in new ones without some Allowances made them, wch. is Agreed to be deferr'd to another Consultation day.

Orders made concerning the Store-house.

Mr. Peter Tahourdin having desir'd the Secry. to acquaint us that there is a great deficiency in the Salt Petre lately Sent upon the Ramah from Fort St. George, but as that deficiency was never reported to us, & we haveing already answer'd the

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Letter, and acknowledg'd the receipt of those Stores that came upon the Sloop, & that they came out according to her Invoice, it is AGREED that we take no further notice of this Affair, but for the future, a person be joyn'd with the Storekeep^{r}. to examine all the Stores sent from Madrass whether they come out in good Condition, & also that no Stores be bought but by order of Council & to be Survey'd by proper Persons that are to be appointed for that purpose, & they to report it to the Board. the same order is to be observ'd for all Stores that are worn out, before they are wrote off.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pagodas be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton & Rob^{t}. Berriman Paym^{rs}. to defray charges Garrison. Paym^{rs}. 500^{Pa}. adv^{d}.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^{S}. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.

The Minurve from the Mallab^{r}. Coast bound to Pond^{ry}.	4
Mad^{ms}. Ferrier & Holcombe went to Pond^{ry}.	5
Ship Leiraslu Pass'd by from Batavia for Mad^{s}. & Benga^{ll}.	6
Mons^{r}. Du Ghamp from Madrass.	7
Mad^{m}. Le Febure went to Pond^{ry}.	—
The Triton from the Mallab^{r}. Coast to Pond^{ry}.	—
Pass'd by a Jentue Brigg^{n}. from Negap^{m}. bound to Ganjam.	8
Mad^{ms}. Holcombe & Le Febure from Pond^{ry}. wth. Mons^{r}. Du Blar.	10
Mess^{rs}. Walker & Cradack sat [*sic*] out for Madrass.	—
The Stanhope from Bombay come to winter upon this Coast.	11
Pass'd by a Dutch Sloop from Negap^{m}. bound to Sadrass.	13
D^{o}. from Massalip^{m}. bound to Negap^{m}.	—
A Parr Pass'd by from Sadrass for Negap^{m}.	15

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. DEP^{Y}. GOV^{R}. 16

MESS^{RS}. AUG^{S}. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE. ROBERT BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. R. GILMAN.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Mad^{s}. of the 9th. instant acknowledging the Receipt of the Rama's Cargo, & order that for the future no Cloth be taken in under the denomination of Nagore, for the Merch^{ts}. were used formerly to Pick out all the best of their Cloth, & impose it upon the Comp^{y}. for Cloth of that name, whereas in fact it was only good Ordinary & was one great reason why the fabrick of Ordinary was so far debased at this place. Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^{t}. & Council of the 9th. May. No Nagore Cloth to be taken in,

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They Say the Long-cloth Midling N°. 3 proves bad.

They approve of our Sallampores midling, and Longcloth Ordinary N°. 2. lately rec^{d}. but that the Longcloth mideling N°. 3. proves of a very bad fabrick.

A Great want of Washers at Mad^{s}.

They order us to do our utmost endeavours to send them a supply of Washers, if it was but only 30 or 40 as they are in great want of them.

Petition of Humy. Holcombe read to be sent in our next letter to Mads.

The Petition of Hump^{y}. Holcombe is now read & enter'd after this Consultation, & it is AGREED that it be sent with our next Gen^{ll}. to Madrass, in order that his request may be granted him, & that M^{r}. Brooke's do forthwith take charge of the Sea Cust^{rs}. employm^{t}.

The Choultry Regrs. read.

The Choultry Registers are now produc'd & read.

The Cowles for the Bound Beetle & Tobacco farms for five Years are now sign'd.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. acquaints us that he having discours'd the Rent^{rs}. upon what pass'd last Consultation day, has prevail'd upon them (notwithstanding their late losses) to accept of new Cowles, & that he has gott Poncala Kistnah the Arrack farmer to be joyn'd wth. them. whereupon Moutresapillah, (for Poncala Kistnah) with Sadashavarrow do now Sign the Cowles, & it is AGREED to date that for the Bound Rent the 1st. of July, & that for the Tobacco, & Beetle farm the first of August next.

Justices pay Pag^{s}. 44. 6 fa. upon the Sale of Andee Chittee's Houses.

The Justices now pay Pag^{s}. 44. 6^{fa}. upon the Sale of the Houses belonging to Andee Chittee which is order'd to be paid to Poindee Chittee Kistnah; being in part of his debt.

Capt. Pitt's Petition to have his damag'd Goods sent a Shoar to be sent to Mad^{s}.

Cap^{t}. Wentworth George Pitt Commander of the Stanhope delivers us a Petition, praying that we will permitt him to land what damag'd Goods are aboard his Ship into the Comp^{ys}. Warehouse, that they may be repack'd at the charge of the owners. he also delivers Copy of the Objections he made to his bill of Loading att Anjengo.

ORDER'D that a Copy of the said Papers be sent to the Hon$^{b.e}$. Presid^{t}. & Council, & that we wait their orders.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^{s}. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.

16 The Severn from Surat for Madrass & Bengall.
— D°. Sail'd.
17 Ship Senora De Consesan from Maco for Madrass.
22 Mons^{r}. Mollandin &Ma^{m}. Mollandine from Pond^{ry}.
23 Mons^{r}. Viellian & Mons^{r}. Morandire from Pond^{ry}.
26 Mons^{r}. Mollandine & Madame wth. the rest return'd.
27 Madam Jabott from Pond^{ry}.
29 The Sarum Cap^{t}. Irving from Suratt.
— Minh^{r}. Oastrhazen wth. M^{rs}. Berriman from Portonovo

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To the Worspll. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David.

The Humble Petition of Humpy. Holcom[be]

Sheweth

That your Petitioner being indebted Severall sums of mony to people & finding his incomes here not Sufficient to enable him to pay those debts, he most humbly Requests the favour of your Worship that you woul'd be pleased to mention in your next Genll. Letter his desire of Laying down the Honble. Compys. Service he hopeing by some means or other of Satisfyeing his Creditors sooner than what he can possibly propose to do if he was to remain in this place.

And yor. Petitioner shall for ever pray.

To the Worspll. George Morton Pitt Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worspll. Sr. & Srs.

Whereas I recd. the best part of my Pepper at Anjengo wet, as it will appear by the objections in the bill of Loading, Copy whereof is herewith deliver'd you, I beg the liberty to Land the Honble. Compys. Bales to have them open'd to prevent any further damage they may have already recd. & that what cloth is damag'd may be Wash'd, & the Bales repack'd in the Compys. Warehouse at the charge of the owners.

I am
Worspll. Sr. & Srs.
Yr. most Humble. Servant
Went: Geo: Pitt.

Fort St. David.
the 13th. May 1727.

Copy of Capt. Pitts objections to the bill of Loading he sign'd at Anjengo. I object against the foulness of the Pepper & against any damage that may acrew from it being wet wth. fresh water severall of the boats comeing off in hard Showers of Rain.

N.B. Memorandum.

Above half the Pepper came off wet with Salt water, the lower teer of baggs Swimming in almost every boat.

At a Consultation

Present

The Worspll. Geo: Morton Pitt Esqr. Deputy Govr. 30th.
Messrs. Augs. Burton. Robt. Berriman.
H. Holcombe. Robt. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin. R. Gilman.

Genll. Letter from the Honble. Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George of the 23d. instant was now read acquainting us of their design in sending the George Briggantine here, when we shall have Bales Sufficient to fill her up.

Genll. Letter from Mads. of ye. 23d. May read Adviseing of Briggne. Geoge. being sent home.

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Mr. Holcombe has leave to quit the service.

They permit Mr. Holcombe to leave the Service According to his Request.

Messrs. Stratton and Brackstone order'd to Mads. The Guns that Capt. Pitt wants will be examin'd into as to ye. Value of them.

As they are in great want of some Persons there, they order Messrs. John Stratton & Edwd. Brackstone to repair to Fort St. George as soon as they can Sett out & tell us they shall examine into the Value of some Guns Capt. Pitt has offer'd to purchase, and advise thereof.

Mr. Harris order'd under ye. Paymr. Mr. Dockwraj [*sic*] under the Warehr. & Mr. Whitlocke undr. ye. Sea Custr. of Cudde.

ORDER'D that Messrs. Harris & Dockwra Supply the place of Messrs. Stratton & Brackstone, the formr. to act under the Paymr. & the latter under the Warehousekr. Mr. Whitlock to Assist the Sea Customer of Cuddalore.

Pags. 1400 advanc'd the Paymaster.

ORDER'D that Pags. 1400 be advanc'd Augs. Burton & Robt. Berriman Paymaster's.

Pags. 50 advanc'd the Storekr.

ORDER'D that Pags. 50 be advanc'd Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper.

Timber & Plank to be sent up to Mads. as also other goods.

ORDER'D that the Storekeepers report of the Timber & Plank now in the Storehouse, be sent to Madrass, & that we request their permission to send it up by the first Sea Conveyance that offers as also the Camblets Druggets &ca. in our Warehouse.

G. M. PITT.
AUGS. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.

30 The Sarum Sail'd to Maddarass.

31ST. The Tillicherry grab from Porto novo.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

19TH. THE WORSPLL. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR.
MESSRS. AUGS. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genll. Letter from Mads. of ye. 14th. June. We are to send up the Timber & Plank. & the

A Genll. Letter from the Honble. Presidt. & Council of Madrass of the 14th. instant read, they give us leave to send up the Timbers & Plank, & also the Stuffs, & permit Capt. Pitt to land his goods to be wash'd & repack'd at the charge of his owners.

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They approve of the reasons given them in relation to Sha Permalls Contract.

As there are two vacancys at this Board they have appointed Mr. Edwd. Croke (who is senior to any Servt. at this place) Second of Council, & Mr. John Graham Youngest & give Mr. Burton leave to continue here some time longer.

Mr. Edward Croke appointed second of this place & Mr. John Graham Youngest of Council.

ORDER'D that the Secry. acquaint Capt. Pitt that he has liberty to land his damag'd Goods whenever he pleases to be wash'd & repack'd at the charge of the owners.

Capt. Pitt's Petition granted.

Mr. Holcombe's laying down the Service having occasion'd some Alterations at this Board, it is AGREED that the employments be fix'd as follows.

The Council Station'd.

Mr. Brooke's Sea Customer of Cuddalore.
Mr. Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore.
Mr. Richd. Gilman Storekeeper & Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam.
Mr. Graham to continue to Act as Secry.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pags. be advanc'd Augs. Burton & Robt. Berriman Paymrs.

Pags. 500 advanc'd the Paymr.

ORDER'D that Pags. 1532 be paid Tondeveroy &ca. Merchts. on their running Contract.

Pags. 1532 paid the Merchts.

Genll. Books are now produc'd duely ballanc'd & are now Sign'd.

Genll. books produc'd & Sign'd.

The Warehousekr. delivers in a List of Europe Goods wanting here for Sale, to be sent to Madrass.

The Deputy Govr. acquaints the Board that he has recd. Severall Complaints of the late Sea Customer & against his Conicoply as it appears by a Petition now deliver'd in of Perumbelum a boat fellow, & also tells us that some of the Merchants have been with him, who informs him that the present Sea Customer of Cuddalore has oblig'd them to take double Certificates for Goods when one is Sufficient.

Severall Complaints against the Sea Custr. of Cuddalore & his Conicoply left to the Examination of Mrs. Gilman & Graham.

AGREED that the Examination of these affairs be left to Messrs. Gilman & Graham, & that they do make a further enquiry at Cuddalore into the Practices us'd by the Sea Customer, & his Conicoply in the collecting in of the Compys. Revenues.

G. M. PITT.
AUGS. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

30TH. THE WORSPLL. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQR. DEPTY. GOVR.
MESSRS. AUGS. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
R. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genll. Letters from Mads. of ye. 26th. & 27th. June wth. ten thousand Pags.

Genll. Letters from the Honble. Presidt. & Council of the 26 & 27: instant read adviseing that they have Sent us Pags. 10000 & that we shall have another Supply as soon as the Peons return, but that they cannot comply with our demand for Europe Goods, they having already Contracted wth. their Merchants for all that is to come from Europe this Year.

they cannot comply wth. our demand for Europe Goods.

The George Briggantine to be fill'd up wth. Bales & Plank, & to be return'd.

They order that the George Briggantine be return'd them wth. what Bales we have, & that we fill her up wth. Plank agreeable to what we propos'd in our last Letter.

Merchts. advd. Pa. fa. Ca. 1197. 12. 9

The Deputy Govr. reports that he advanc'd the Merchts. the 26th. ultimo Pags. 1197. 12. 9.

Paymr. Pa. 1300

ORDER'D that Pags. 1300 be advanc'd Augs. Burton & Robt. Berriman Paymrs.

Report of Messrs. Tahourdin & Gilman read.

Messrs. Tahourdin & Gilman's Report is now read & enter'd after this Consultation.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. ballance paid.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore pays Pags. 53. 13. 26 in full of his last months ballance.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. ballance paid.

He also pays in his Land Customers ballance for last Month being Pags. 81. 15. 10.

Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs. ballance paid.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pay's in Pags. 48. 11. 60. in full of his last months ballance.

The Commr. of the Geo: Briggne. is ordd. to get his Vessell in a readyness [for] to take in Goods.

Capt: Tye being sent for up before us, is told to get the George Briggantine in a readyness in order to take in Bales, & the Warehousekr. is order'd to Send them off, that she may be dispatch't as soon as possible for Madrass.

Paymrs. Accot. for May read.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot. for last month Particulars Vizt.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1100	33	50
Hospitall Charges	21	4	78
Peons & Servants wages	269	5	—
Charges General	59	19	44
Charges Extraordry.	7	18	—
Fortifications & Repairs	2	22	42
	1460	31	54

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Brought over ...	1460	31	54
Garrison Cost & Charges	16	32	12
Companys Garden	4	19	52
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
Pags.	1820	11	38

The Extraordry. Expence is

Garrison Cost & Charges	16	32	12
Companys Garden	4	19	52
Charges Extraordry.	7	18	—
Pags.	28	33	64

G. M. Pitt.
Augs. Burton.
Robt. Berriman.
Robt. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.

At a Consultation

Present

14th.

The Worspll. Geo: Morton Pitt Esqr. Deptv. Govr.

Messrs. Augs. Burton. Robt. Berriman.
Robt. Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman. John Graham.

Augustus Burton Warehousekr. reads that Accot. for last month, ballance due from him is Pags. 209. 5. 38. Warehrs. Accot. for June read.

Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapm. reads that Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 134. 24. 24. Tevenapm. Sea & Ld. Custrs. Accot. for June read.

Journall Parcells read. Journall Parcells read.

Order'd that Pags. 500 be advanc'd Augs. Burton & Robt. Berriman Paymasters. Paymr. Pa. advd. 500.

Order'd that Pags. 50 be advanc'd the Storekeepr. for Provision of Stores. Storekr. advd. Pags. 50.

The Deputy Govr. reports that on the 5th. instant he paid the Merchts. Pags. 1676. 1. 13. Merchts. pd. Pa. fa. Ca. 1676. 1. 13

He also produces a Letter from Tomby Chittee complaining of Severall Sums of mony due to him from Eram Rauze & Chinjee Chinada Chittee, but as Eram Rauze stands a Debtor upon the Compys. books, what can be collected out of his Effects without reducing him to extream necessity must be paid to the discharge A letter from Tomby Chittee to ye D: Govr.

— *JULY 1727* —

Eram Rauze Pas. 107 : pd. in part of his Debt.

of that Debt, first, & accordingly a hundred & Seaven Pags. wch. the Deptv. Govr. says he has recd. from Sha Permall belonging to the said Eram Rauze, is hereby order'd to be pd. into Cash.

G. M. Pitt.
Augs. Burton.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.

14 Messrs. Hart & Newcombe from Mads.
17 Madm. Holcombe went to Pondry.
20 Ship Effingham from Mocha.
22 Ship Mountague from Great Brittain pass'd by.
23 Sloop Ramah Sail'd to Mads.
26 Ship Effingham Sail'd for Do.
29 Madm. Holcombe from Pondry.

At a Consultation

Present

31st. The Worspll. Geo: Morton Pitt Esqr. Deputy Govr.
Messrs. Augs. Burton. Robt. Berriman.
Robt. Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman. John Graham.

Genll. Letter from Mads. of the 25th. instant read.

Genll. Letter from the Honble. Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George of the 25th. instant read, adviseing of the Ramah's Arrivall, & promise that our indent for Stationary Ware shall be comply'd wth. & that this settlement shall have Credit for the Ordnance put on board the Stanhope.

[to] Debt Fort St. George for the Ordnance on board Capt. Pitt's ship.

By the first Oppertunity we are to Send them some Gawls, being in great want of Ink.

Pags. 100 pd. for Materlls. for the Water Mill.

The Deputy Govr. reports he has advanc'd Mr. Newcome one hundred Pags. more, for materialls for the watermill at Horse tail Point wch. is Order'd to be paid him.

Merchts. pd. Pa fa Ca 4799. 18. 8.

He also reports he has lately paid the Merchts. Pagodas 4799. 18. 8 at Severall Payments.

Accot. of remains in the Store-house presented.

Messrs. Tahourdin & Gilman presents the Accot. of remains in the Storehouse wch. is now interchangeably Sign'd.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for June read.

Robt. Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month, the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 141. 13. 34. of wch. Pags. 88. —. 8 is paid in part.

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Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore re[a]ds that Acco[t]. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag[s]. 63. 33. 32. Cuddalore Land Custrs. Acco[t]. for June read.

Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper reads that Acco[t]. for last month the ballance whereof paid him is Pag[s]. 38. 21. 3. Storkrs. Acco[t]. for June read.

Rich[d]. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenp[m]. pays Pag[s]. 114. 24. 24. in part of his last months ballance. Tevenapm. Sea & Land Custrs, Acco[t]. for June read.

He also reports there is a great want of Tarr in the Storehouse. Tarr to be bought [for] the use of the [Ga]rrison.

ORDER'D a Sufficient quantity be bought for the use of the Garrison.

Paymasters Acco[t]. for last month read. Paymrs. Acco . for June read.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1103	16	30
Hospitall Charges	18	15	58
Peons & Servants Wages	266	27	—
Charges General	61	22	16
Charges Extraordry.	2	18	—
Fortifications & Repairs	3	14	12
Garrison Cost & Charges	4	12	2
Companys Garden	5	29	48
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	264	—	—
Pag[s].	1780	11	6

Pa fa Ca
ballance due from him 99. 13. 36.

G. M. PITT.
AUG[S]. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH[D]. GILMAN.
JN[O]. GRAHAM.

Mad[m]. La Febure went to Pondry.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP[LL]. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ[R]. DEP[Y]. GOV[R].
MESS[RS]. AUG[S]. BURTON. ROB[T]. BERRIMAN.
ROB[T]. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH[D]. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

3[D].

A Gen[ll]. Letter from the Hon[ble]. Presid[t]. & Council of Madrass, adviseing that the Hon[ble]. Court of Direct[rs]. haveing this Year sent out a Commission to be executed by the President, M[r]. Pitt & Mess[rs]. Turner & Higginson & as they think the Deputy Gov[rs]. presence necessary, they would have him come up thither as soon as possible, & leave the charge of this Settlement w[th]. M[r]. Aug[s]. Burton. Genll. Letter from Mads. adviseing of the New Commission. The Depty. Govr. to repair to Mads. Mr. Burton to be Provll. Chief.

— *AUGUST 1727* —

Arrack Farm a Quartrs. rent paid.

The Arrack Farmer now pays in Pags. 300, for a Quarters Rent due the 8th. of June last.

Cash Accot. for July read & ballance paid Mr. Burton.

The Deputy Govr. reads the Accot. of the Honble. United Compys. Cash for last month, the ballance whereof remaining is Pags. 13573. 29. 33 which he now delivers to Mr. Augs. Burton & the Accot. is interchangeably sign'd between them.

Rentrs. a Complaint from them about the Grounds. Messrs. Gilman & Graham to take a Survey.

The Renters have made a complaint that there has been great incroachmt. made upon the Grounds since they took the Cowle the 1st. of July 1722—they desire that the Possessors of Severall Gardens may pay them a consideration according to the Value of the Ground, whether productive of Paddy or other Grain, which we finding to be a just demand Messrs. Gilman & Graham are appointed wth. the Renters to take a Survey, of these Lands, surreptions possess'd & make their Report.

G. M. Pitt.
Augs. Burton.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.

3D. The Walpole & Lethuelier pass'd by from Europe.
— A french Ship pass'd by, call'd the Ly's.
— The Deputy. Govr. wth. Messrs. Tullie & Credock for Mads.
4 The Rentr. Tasheriff'd & had 7 Guns.
15 Mr. Walsh from Mads.

At a Consultation

Present

Mr. Augustus Burton Provll. Chief.
Messrs. Robt. Berriman. Robert Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin. Richard Gilman.
John Graham.

Wednesday 16th.

Genll. Letter from Mads. wth. Invoice & bill of lading of the Ramah.

Genll Letter from the Honble. Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George of the 3d. instant inclosing Invoice & bill of loading for Stationary Ware Sent us upon the Ramah Sloop.

Journall parcells read.

Augustus Burton Accompt. reads the Journall Parcells.

Warekrs. Accot. for July read.

He also reads his Warehousekrs. Accot. for last month ballance due from him

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Storekrs. Accot. for July read.

Richd. Gilman Storekeeper reads that Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 41. 28. 72.

Tevenapm. Sea & Ld. Custs. Accot. for July read.

Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Accot. for

Pa	fa	Ca

last month the ballance whereof due from him is 139. 30. 62.

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Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month ballance due from him is Pag^{s}. 71. 15. 34. which is now paid in. Cuddalore Land Custrs. Accot. for July read.

Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Renters of the weighing & measuring Duties pay Pag^{s}. 45 for a Quarters Rent due the last of June. The Weighing & Measuring Duties A Quartrs. Rent paid.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^{s}. 63. 33. 32 in full of his last months ballance. Cuddalore Land Custrs. ballance pd.

ORDER'D that Pag^{s}. 500 be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton & Rob^{t}. Berriman Paymasters. Paym^{r}. 500 Pags.

ORDER'D that fivety [*sic*] Pagodas be advanc'd Rich^{d}. Gilman Storekeeper. Pags. 50 Advanc'd the Storekeeper.

The Justices deliver in an Award from the Arbitrators of Narrain on the one part & Chittraputra Suttan & Veranah on the other part, the latter to pay in the whole to Narrain 101 Pas — fa 40 Ca in 22 days Chittraputra Accordingly paid his Share being Pag^{s}. 24. 7. 40 the other two refuseing to pay their Shares or the Penalty on forfeiture bond they joyntly Sign'd to stand to the Arbitrators decission. An Award concerning Chittra puttra, Suttan & Veranah.

ORDER'D that the Justices do sell the said Suttan and Veranah's houses and what Effects they can find of theirs to discharge their debt and keep them in prison till such time Each of them pays his Share, and to see the said Parties chuse other Arbitrators in another Dispute between them According to the Aforesaid Award. their houses & Effects to be sold.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
JN^{O}. GRAHAM.

M^{r}. Osterhazen from Portonovo wth. M^{r}. Wilhelm sat out for Pondy. 16
Cap^{t}. Pit [*sic*] from Maddarass.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^{R}. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF. 17TH.
MESS^{RS}. ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN. R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

Rec^{d}. a Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort S^{t}. George dated the 14th. instant requiring M^{r}. Burtons presence there & ordering him up imediately, he to deliver up the Warehouse to M^{r}. Berriman & the Cash to M^{r}. Graham which was accordingly done & he forthwith proceeded on his Journey. Gen^{ll}. Letter from Mads. Mr. Burton ordd. up the Warehouse to be deliver'd Mr. Berriman & the Cash to Mr. Graham.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JN^{O}. GRAHAM.

— *AUGUST 1727* —

17 Mr. Burton Sat [*sic*] out for Mads.
19 Mr. Croke from Mads.
— Mr. Osterhazen from Mads.
20 Mr. Osterhazen went to Porto Novo wth. Mrs. Berriman.
21 Monsr. Cordier from Pondry.
— Mr. Berriman went to Porto Novo.
— Mr. Cordier return'd to Pondry.
— A Dutch Sloop pass'd by from Pullicat bound to Negapm.
22 The Dilligent a french Ship from Pondry. bound to Porto novo.
— The Jupiter pass'd by for Acheen.
25 A Dutch Parr pass'd by.
26 Mr. Burton from Madrass.
— A Dutch Parr pass'd by from Sadrass bound to Negapm.
— Mr. Berriman from Porto Novo.
27 The Ramah Sloop from Mads.

At a Consultation

Present

28th. Mr. Augs. Burton Provll. Chief.
Messrs. Edward Croke. Robt. Berriman.
Robert Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.

Mr. Graham *Sick.*

Genll. Letter from Mads. by Mr. Burton.

Recd. a Genll. Letter from the President & Council of Fort St. George by Mr. Burton directing him on his Arrivall to take possession of the Government, & to receive the Cash, Mr. Croke to enter upon his employ of Accompt. & to send Mr. Smart thither.

Mr. Croke to enter upon his employ.

Genll. Letter to Mads. of this days date.

A Genll. Letter to the Honble. President & Council of Fort St. George was now read & Sign'd acquainting them of Mr. Burtons receiving the Governmt. and Cash also Mr. Croke receiving the list of books and papers in the Accomptants Office, & the Journall Parcells posted up to Ultimo July.

Sloop Ramah arrives.

Yesterday Sloop Ramah arrived and imported the Stationary Ware sent us from Fort St. George.

She is to be return'd.

Order'd that she be fill'd with bales, & sent back immediately.

Mr. Burton's travelling charges to & from Mads. to be pd.

Mr. Augs. Burton produces an Accot. of his travelling Charges to & from Madrass Amounting to Pags. 23. 7. fa which is order'd to be paid.

Mr. Croke's to be pd.

Mr. Croke also produces an Accot. of his travelling Charges Amoting to Pags. 12 which is order'd to be paid.

Journll. parcells read.

Mr. Augs. Burton reads the Journall parcells for July posted up to that time wch. he delivers to Mr. Croke with the Genll. Books & papers in the Accompts. Office.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for July read.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month, Pa. fa. Ca. ballance due from him is 88. 6. 8.

— *AUGUST 1727* —

ORDER'D that Mr. William Johnson assist the Storekeeper & Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam in the room of Mr. Wood Smart lately gone to Fort St. George. Mr. Johnson order'd under Mr. Gilman in the room of Mr. Smart gone to Mads.

ORDER'D that Pags. 1300 be Advanc'd Augs. Burton & Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison. Paymr. 1300 Pags.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot. for last month Particulars Vizt. Paymrs. Accot. for July read.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1100	5	78
Hospitall Charges	23	11	74
Peons & Servants wages	268	29	—
Charges Generall	67	11	72
Charges Extraordinary	7	29	2
Fortifications & Repairs	—	33	48
Companys Garden	12	—	34
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	264	—	—
	1794	13	68

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Ballance due from him	104	35	48

Sadashavarrow & Tricom Chittee Bound Rentrs. pay one Quarters Rent being Pags. 833. 12. due the last of March. Bound Rentrs. a Quartrs. rent paid.

They also pay Pags. 425. for a Quarters Rent due the last of April of the Tobacco & Beetle Farm. Tobacco & Beetle Rentrs. a Quarters [rent paid].

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

The Ramah Sloop Sail'd to Mads. 29
The Ship Stanhope Sail'd for Great Brittain. 30

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 11TH.

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genll. Letter from Mr. Secry. Torriano of the 8th. Instant Serveing only to enclose invoice & bill of loading for eight Penknives sent by the Ramah Sloop, which we are to bring to Account. A Genll. Letter wth. an Invoice of Penknives.

Genll. Letter to the President & Council of this days date, with Copys of our General Book's order'd to be dispatch'd to Fort St. George. Genll. Letter to Mads. wth. our Genll. books.

Augustus Burton Warehousekeeper reads that Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 188. 28. 10. Warehrs. Accot. for Augt. read.

— *SEPTEMBER 1727* —

Tevenapm. Sea & Ld. Custrs. Accot. for Augt. read.

Richd. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapm. reads that Accot. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 239. 22. 58 of which Pags. 180. is paid in part.

Storekeeprs. Accot. for Augt. read.

Richd. Gilman Storekeeper reads that Accot. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 19. 33.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. Accot. for Augt. read.

Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month the Ballance whereof is Pags. 95. 25. 74. wch. is paid.

Cash Accot for Augt. read.

Augustus Burton Provll. Chief reads the Accot. of the Honble. United Compys. Cash, the Ballance whereof remaining is Pags. 6821. 2. 64.

Paymrs. 500 Pags.

ORDER'D that Pags. 500 be Advanc'd Augs. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison.

Storekeepr. 50 Pags.

ORDER'D that Pags. 50 be Advanc'd Richd. Gilman Storekeeper.

Ketchiah a Conicoply entertain'd [in] the Service.

ORDER'D that Ketchiah a Conicoply be entertain'd in the Service to assist the Sea Customer of Cuddalore in the room of Amble[ta]dy lately Discharg'd.

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

12 Monsr. Gemins went to Mads.

20 Madm. Le Febure went to Pondry.

23 Tricom Chittee's Briggne. Sail'd for Mads. wth. Bales.

25 This morning Mr. Packer was found dead in the corner of his inward room with his throat Cutt.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 26TH.

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

The Death of Mr. John Packer.

Mr. Augs. Burton Provisionall Chief acquaints the Board that he Summon'd the Council to advise them of John Packers death which he had knowledge of at about nine a Clock this Morning by Mr. Vezian wanting the key of the Accompts. Office knock'd at John Packers door, but perceiving no motion made within his Lodgings he sent a Servant in at the Window who open'd the door wch. Shewed John Packer lyeing on the ground on his back on a corner of the room his fists clinch'd, close by him laid a bloody knife and his Sword upon the Cott bended up the hilt the Gold head of his Cane quite Cutt off and carried away, his hand Scrutore broke open and his papers thrown upon the Cott, his Chest open and all his Cloaths Strow'd upon the ground.

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Mr. Burton also acquaints the Board that he immediately on his Viewing Mr. John Packer in this Condition order'd the Docter to examine his wounds and give in his report which is enter'd after this Consultation. The Surgeons Examines the Body.

The manner of his death and the circumstance herewith mention'd makes it appear that the said John Packer was murder'd. Depositions taken.

ORDER'D that depositions be forthwith taken of John Packers Servants Serjts. Corpll. and Centrys of the Guards and all such Persons be Seized on & Confin'd that seems or gives any or the least Suspicion of being guilty of the murder.

All and every deposition be taken in due form and Sworn and to be enter'd after this Consultation.

By the Severall depositions herewith Annexed particularly of Willm. Karr Serjeant & Henry Greir Centry at the Main Gate of the Fort from five to Seaven in the morning, appears that Peddu Dubash had a hand in the murder he absenting the place this very morning and comeing into our bounds but last Night. Peddue supposed to had [*sic*] a hand in the Murder.

ORDER'D that the Tom Tom be beaten at Tevenapatam, Cuddalore, Trepopalore, Manjecopang, and all other places in the Companys Limitts to find out and Seize Peddu Dubash and all such persons to make his Appearance who has seen the said Dubash within the Space of four days past. [Tom] Tom beat to give Notice [of it] to Polligrs. to look out for [him] & a Reward of Twenty Pags. [offerd] to the Person that find [him].

ORDER'D that Peons be sent all about the Country to Seize on Peddu Dubash and the Polligar to send out his Talliars in quest of him and twenty Pagodas reward to be given by the Honble. Compy. to any Person that shall discover the said Dubash.

ORDER'D that Richd. Gilman and John Graham take an Accot. of all the Effects belonging to John Packer and have him buried with all the decency becomeing his station.

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

Sloop Ramah came from Mads. 30

The de Ly's a french Ship bound for France. —

GEORGE THREIPLAND Doctor Deposes that Mr. John Packer din'd and Sup'd with him Yesterday and Seem'd to be very chearfull the said John Packer went home from him at about nine at night in order to go to sleep the said George Threipland says that he wrote to the said John Packer but two days agoe for some mony who answer'd him in writing that he had no more then two Pagodas wch. was at his Service. Geo: Threiplands deposition.

Henry Nelson one of the Deptty. Govrs. Guard and Centry just at John Packers door from Seaven to nine at night deposes that the said John Packer came to his Lodgings at about nine at night and went immediately to Sleep and sent away his two Servants and lock'd the doors within Side after his Servants went out. Henry Nelsons deposition.

Harvey Seal one of the Deptty. Govrs. Guard and Centry just at John Packers door of his Lodgings from three to five a Clock in the morning deposes that he heard a quartr. before four a Shrieking and noise four or fives [*sic*] times over the Harvey Seals deposition.

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said Harvey Seal says that he could not tell whether the said Shrieking and noise came from the said John Packers room or from the Cloth Godown, the said Harvey Seal call'd out at the same time to the Serj^{t}. & Corp^{ls}. of the Main Guard to acquaint them of the Noise.

Benjamin Barlows deposition.

Benjamine Barlow Corporall of the main Guard deposes that Harvey Seal Centry at the Dep^{y}. Gov^{rs}. house call'd out to him before four a Clock in the morning & acquainted him wth. the noise which the s^{d}. Benjamin Barlow heard himself a great Shrieking he took his Launce & went wth. Tho^{s}. Roberts Corp^{ll}. to the back Gate and enquir'd of the Centry of the noise and where about it was the Centry there told him that the noise was towards the Cloth Godown where he went, but found it not there and the said Corporall return'd to their Guard where the said Benjamin Barlow heard the noise again and took his Launce with him and went again with Thomas Roberts Corp^{ll}. up to the Forthouse and so turn'd down by John Packers Lodgings and they again went to the back Gate when William Karr Serj^{t}. joyn'd them who enquir'd of the Centry there, whereabouts he thought the noise was, the Centry said that he took the noise to be towards the Cloth Godown, the said Benjamin Barlow on his going back again to his Guard in Comp^{y}. with the said Serj^{t}. William Karr and Thomas Roberts Corp^{ll}. he heard a little Sighing from John Packers room.

[Thom]as Roberts [depo]sition.

Thomas Roberts Corp^{ll}. but now his free Guard deposes that he was at the main Guard and heard a Shrieking noise and very Shrill twice and Seeing Benjamin Barlow Corp^{ll}. of the Guard going for his Launce he the said Thomas Roberts went with him and so went together to the back Gate, the Centry there told them that he thought the noise was towards the Warehouse, where the Deponant went with Benj^{n}. Barlow but they heard nothing and so together they went again to their Guard from whence the said Deponant heard the noise again and went once more with the said Corporall Barlow towards and turn'd the corner of John Packers Lodg^{gs}. Serj^{t}. William Karr following them, then altogether they went to the back Gate where the said Serj^{t}. W^{m}. Karr enquir'd of the Centry where abouts the noise was who answered that it was towards the Warehouse, Gunroom and Armory and that way, the said Deponant Says that the said Serj^{t}. William Karr, Benjamin Barlow Corporall, and himself went to the Gunroom, and then to the Warehouse and found there two people a Sleep who was awaken'd by them and said that they heard no noise and the said William Karr Benj^{n}. Barlow Corporall, and himself returning again by John Packers Lodgings, the Deponant saw the window open and he heard a noise and Supposed that [John] Packer made it in his Sleep.

Wm. Karr deposition.

William Karr Serj^{r}. Deposes that [...] upon the Court of Guard about half an h[our...]three in the morning who heard a noise and Shreiking and Saw Thomas Roberts Corporall who was now free Guard but laid in the Fort and Benjamin Barlow Corp^{ll}. of the Guard going towards the Forthouse and turn'd close towards the Corner of John Packers Lodg^{gs}; the Serj^{t}. William Karr followed the said Corp^{ll}. and came up with them and went with them to the Centry of the back Gate and ask'd the said Centry whether he heard a Noise the said Centry said that he heard a Noise and beleived it to be from the Gunroom or Armory the said Serj^{t}. William Karr going that way with the said Corp^{ll}. went first to the Warehouse and found the doors open but did not go in and then went to the Gunroom & found there Centry one Antigue, the said Serj^{t}. Will^{m}. Karr ask'd the Centry whether he heard a Noise who answer'd that he heard a noise and judged it to be towards the Warehouse the Cooper of the Garrison who is an Officer in the Gunroom was Awake when the said Serj^{t}. William Karr ask'd the Centry whether he heard a noise, the said Cooper said likewise that he heard the noise and beleived it to be towards the Warehouse, the said Serj^{t}. William Karr and the aforesaid Corp^{ll}. went to the Warehouse and open'd the doors and found there a Sleep two Packers whom they awaken'd from their Sleep and ask'd the said Packers whether they heard a noise, they answer'd no, and then one of the Corp^{lls}. Benjamin Barlow went into the Godowns and saw nothing, from thence the said Serj^{t}. William

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Karr and the two Corpll^s^. aforesaid went towards John Packers Lodgings in their way to the main Guard, the s^d^. Serj^t^. W^m^. Karr saw the Sash of the window of the s^d^. John Packers Lodgings drawn up about Eight Inches, & likewise saw a Shade of some body walking within Side of the said Lodgings backwards & forwards, tho the room was darken'd at the same time the s^d^. Serj^t^. W^m^. Karr said to the Corp^ll^. then that the noise must have been in John Packers room & supposed that the s^d^. John Packer was beating his Serv^ts^. Tho^s^. Roberts Corp^ll^. made answer that he Supposed M^r^. Packer was frighten'd in his dream & so made a noise the said Serj^t^. and Corp^ll^. went to the Guard and heard no further Noise.

Packers Servants deposition.

A Translate of Grua Dubash and Servant to M^r^. John Packer deposes that he was at his Master's Lodgings when he came home which was about nine at night and brought with him another Servant a boy Named Ragounyclore that the said John Packer immediately undress'd to go to Sleep and sent away both his Servants and Shutt the doors within Side as Usuall.

A TRANSLATE of Ragounyclore a boy & Serv^t^. to M^r^. John Packer deposes that he came with his Master to his Lodgings at about nine a Clock and that the said John Packer his Master sent him home immediately w^th^. Grua his Dubash who was at the Lodgings of the said John Packer his Master where he came home, after the Servants was out that M^r^. Packer shutt the doors within Side as Usuall.

Willm. Karrs deposn.

Serj^t^. William Karr deposes that he Saw a Dubash Named Peddu going out of the Fort a little after the Gates were open'd muffled up with a Shaul about his face and the ends of it under his Arm the said Serj^t^. ask'd the Dubash (as knowing him to be turn'd out of M^r^. Harris's Service some time Agoe)) who he Served now, the Dubash made answer no body then the said Serj^t^. ask'd him what business he had in the Fort, the said Dubash made answer that he happen'd to fall A Sleep in the Fort when the Gates was Shutt then the said Serj^t^. let him go, when the Centry took hold of him, and let him go again.

Henry Greirs deposn.

Henry Greir Centry from five to Seaven a Clock in the morning at the Main Guard deposes that a little after five a Clock he Saw a fellow going out of the Fort Gate, the said Centry Stop'd him and said to him God damn you where are you a going in such hast and then Serj^t^. Karr took hold of him and uncover'd him and call'd him by his name and then let him go.

Edward Harris deposition.

M^r^. Edward Harris Comp^ys^. Servant deposes that he turn'd away a Dubash Named Peddu from his Service above two months ago by being Suspicious that he Stole Cap^t^. Orrills Spoons, and then for not paying a Chittee fellow about four or five Pag^s^. which the said Edward Harris gave to the said Dubash Peddu to pay the Chitte fellow for some Ginghams he had bought of him.

Juggu deposition.

A Translate of Juggu father to the Dubash Peddu, deposes that his Son about two months ago was turn'd out of M^r^. Harris's Service who went to Pondicherry directly in order to Recover some Debts there belonging to his said Son Peddu & so to go to Chellumbrum but whether he is at Pondicherry or Chellumbrum the said Deponant cannot tell, for he has not heard of him or saw him from that time to this.

Moota Irsha depn.

A Translate of Moota Irsha formerly Servant to John Packer deposes that he was turn'd away by the said John Packer for Suspicion of his Stealing the Gram from his horse, the said Moota Irsha Says that Peddu Dubash ask'd him Severall times whether his Master was worth mony, and the said Peddu have been in his Masters room with M^r^. Harris his Master Severall times but the said Moota Irsha have not Seen the said Peddu for above these two months, when the said Peddu ask'd him to go with him to Chellumbrum to the Moors feast.

Verabudra deposn.

A Translate of Verabudra deposes that he was comeing from Fort S^t^. George hither some days ago where he saw Peddu the Dubash the said Peddu ask'd him when he was going to Fort S^t^. David and offer'd to go with the said Verabudra and the said Peddu came together and pass'd Penniar River the said Peddu bid the said Verabudra go home for he had some business at Manjecopang this was last night.

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Tricomq a deposn.

A Translate of Tricomq a Packer in the Companys Pay deposes that he was Yesterday comeing into our Bounds the other Side Penniar River where he Saw Peddu Dubash comeing to the said River they could not pass without a Cattamarran the said Peddu got upon the Cattamarran and the Wife to the said Tricomp remained the other Side for want of Room on the Cattamarran.

Surgeon's Report.

ON TUESDAY the Twenty Sixth Inst. I went by order of Mr. Augustus Burton Provll. Chief to examine the body of Mr. John Packer deceas'd where I observed, first a very large Wound on the fore part of the Neck which by its unequall appearance and Jagged Lips Seem'd to have been made at two Stroaks and had Divided both the Windpipe and Gullet or Passage for the Element 2d. a Superficial Wound of two Inches long and transverse from under the right Ear determinateing within one Inch of the large wound before mentioned 3d. a very deep Wound on the inside of the left Thumb which had divided the Muscles and laid the Bones bare.

This is a true Report by

SEPTR. 28TH. 1727.

GEO: THREIPLAND
Surgn.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.

SATURDAY 30TH.

MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Sloop Ramah arrived.

THE RAMAH Sloop Arrived this day and imported according to Invoice eight bales of BroadCloth and eight Penknives sent us by the President and Council of Fort St. George for the use of our Garrison.

Despatch from Madras.

ORDER'D that she be forthwith laden with the Compys. Bales and sent back Again that she may return before the Monsoon Setts in.

Cuddalore Sea Customer Acct. for Augt.

R. BROOKE Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acct. for last month the ballance whe[re]of due from him is Pags. 179. 12. 78 which he pays into Cash.

Freshes come down the River which stops the Peons from Travelling Mr. Burton supplyes the Compy. with [money . . .]

MR. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF acquaints the Board that he has advices of the freshes comeing down the River that the peons cannot venture to pass with the Supply of Cash the Presidt. and Council hath sent us as ℔ advice of the Secry. Torriano's Letter dated the 22d. inst. Mr. Burton produces the Cash Acct. and having not Sufficient to defray the Charges Garrison for this month he offers to lend the Compy. the deficiency being Pagodas 1512. 1. 78.

ORDER'D that Sum be borrowed of him and to be repaid so soon as the Cash arrives and the Presidt. and Council be advised thereof.

Paymasters Acct. for Augt. read.

ROBERT BERRIMAN Paymaster reads that Acct. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 91. 14. 30 Particulars Vizt:

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1099	10	20
Hospitall Charges	18	21	54
Peons & Servants wages	270	5	—
Charges Generall	58	18	8
Charges Extraordry.	38	31	—
	1485	14	2

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Brought over ...	1485	14	2
Fortifications & Repairs	1	30	10
Companys Garden	2	13	6
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Dyett	272	—	—
Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George	2	—	—
	1813	21	18

The extraordinary charges in the above Acco^{t}. is from Charges Extraordinary.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Mess^{rs}. Burton's & Croke's travelling Charges Moor's feast dyet for Prisoners &c^{a}. ...	38	31	—
Fortifications & Repairs	1	30	10
Companys Garden	2	13	16
Charges Dyett encreas'd	48	—	—
Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George Galls	2	—	—
PAGODS.	93	2	26

ORDER'D that Pagodas 1300 be advanc'd Aug^{s}. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters. *Pay Master advanced 1300 Pag^{s}.*

THE ACCOMP^{T}. presents the Acco^{t}. Sallary for Six months ending the 29th. instant amounting to Pag^{s}. 425. 23. 26 which is ORDER'D to be paid. *Accot. Sallaray ordred to be paid.*

THE BOUND RENTERS were sent for to be acquainted with Gunner George Sanders Petition for a peice of ground scituated near the Portugueze Church in the Colloway of 420 feet from N: to W: and 66 from N: to S: where he intends to build a house the Renter consented thereto. *A peice of Ground granted to George Sanders.*

ORDER'D that the Sec^{ry}. do deliver George Sanders a grant for the same he paying the Hon^{ble}. Company a Gratuity of half a Pagoda ℔ Annum.

OUR LETTER to the HON^{BLE}. PRESIDENT and COUNCIL of Fort S^{t}. George of this day's date is now read and Sign'd. *Generall Letter to Madrass Read.*

ANTONY JOHNSON Topaze enter'd in Cap^{t}. DAVID WILSONS Comp^{y}. at 1. 13 ℔ mensem commencing the 1st. Instant. *A Topaze entertaind.*

Mr. Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that he had advices last night from the Peons and Talliars he sent in quest of Peddu Dubash that he was seen the other day in Pennaruttee to change a Pagoda, he left that place the same day, the said Peons enquired after him at every Choultry they since pass'd and are told by the people that gave water to the said Peddu to drink in his way, that one of his hands is very much cut and was cover'd over with the Sleeve of his Coat he making use but with one hand to drink with, upon this advice Mr. Burton immediately sent Pitcha the Polligar with some more Talliars to the place he was directed by the said Peons. *Peddu discover'd Peons sent to bring him in.*

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JN^{O}. GRAHAM.

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WEDNESDAY 4.

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

A General from Madrass wth. 10000 pags.

A Generall Letter from the Honble. President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 23d.ultO. accompanying twenty Peons with 10000 Pags. came to hand Yesterday.

Mr. Burton paid what he had advanced for the Compa.

Pags.
ORDER'D that 1512. 1. 78 be paid Mr. Augs. Burton for what he Lent the Honble. Compy. last month to defray Charges Garrison.

Broad Cloth sent from Madrass.

The Sloop Ramah imported Eight bales of Broadcloth sent from Fort St. George for the use of our Garrison.

Pay Master to have it for the use of the Garrison.

ORDER'D to deliver out the Paymaster what Broadcloth he shall have Occasion for that use at Fort St. George Invce. price he paying freight for the same.

Cash Accot. for Septr. Read.

CASH ACCOT. for last month Read the Ballce. wanting is Pagodas 1512. 1. 78, borrowed of Mr. Burton.

Warehousekr. Accot. for Sepr. Read.

AUGS. BURTON Warehousekeeper Reads that Accot. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 51. 19. 50.

Journal Parcells Read.

EDWD. CROKE ACCOMPT. READS the General [*sic*] Parcels to ultimo Augst. last.

Pay Mr. advanced 500 Pags.

ORDER'D that 500 Pags. be advanced Augs. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison.

An Accot. of Packers Effects deliverd in.

MESSRS. GILMAN AND GRAHAM produce an Account of Mr. John Packers Effects taken by them they report that they could not find a Will of the Said Deceas'd Mr. John Packer.

An outcray to be made of Mr. Packers Goods.

ORDER'D that his Effects be put up at Outcry and the Amount to be remitted Mr. Hammond his Attorney att Fort St. George who wrote to Mr. Augs. Burton Provll. Chief a Letter concerning it and his Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Richd. Gilman and John Graham.

MR. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF Reports that he has had no Accot. of Peddu since what is related in our Consultation of the 30th. ultimo and that twenty Pags. is too small a reward for to find out the murder of Mr. John Packer or any of the Accomplices wch. was before offer'd in our Consultation of the 30th. ultimo.

A further Reward of 100 Pags. to any one to bring in Peddu.

ORDER'D that Pags. 100 be given instead of 20 for a farther encouragement to any that shall find out and bring the murderer or any of the accomplices of said Murder, and papers, be affixed in all Languages throughout the Bounds to advise thereof.

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

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Mr. Morandire from Pondry. 4

Peddu (the Murderer of John Packer) brought into the bounds. —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF. THURSDAY
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN. 5TH.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

A General Letter from the Honble. President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 2d. Inst. READ adviseing of the Arrival of the Briggantine with bales and Receiving the Depositions of the unfortunate murder of Mr. John Packer strenuously recommending us to the finding out of the Author or Authors of it and to Publish a reward of 100 Pags. to any one that shall declare him or them and a full Pardon to be granted to any accessary to it in order to bring the other or others to Punishment This is to be affixed in all parts of our bounds and also sent into the Country's describeing the Person of Peddu Suspected by us to be guilty of the murder and a description of him to be sent to the Honble. President and Council.

A Generall Letter from Madrass Concerning the Murder of Mr. Packer.

Mr. Burton yesterday acquaints the Board that he had no farther account of Peddu than what he reported the 30th. ultimo and that twenty Pagodas was to[o] Small a reward to find out the murderers of Mr. John Packer. It was then Judged necessary to issue out orders of a reward of 100 Pags. to be given to the discovery of the murder or any of the accomplices by affixing papers to all parts of the Bounds wch. was accordingly done being conformable to the late order receiv'd from the Presidt. & Council of Fort St. George.

And Mr. Burton produces the Board a Letter he receiv'd at three a Clock this morning from Monsr. Lenoir Govr. of Pondicherry adviseing of two of our Peons Seizing upon Peddu in a place called Wollagaree under his Jurisdiction he took the said Peddu from our Peons and put him in Irons and offer'd to deliver him up to Mr. Burton's order who sent Monsr. Lenoir a Letter at 6 this morning to demand Peddu and Six Peons to guard him hither.

A Letter from the Govr. of Pondy. Relating to Peddu.

AGREED that affixing up papers of pardon throughout our Bounds and in the Country's round about us in the name of the Govr. and Council of Fort St. George to any accessary to the murder who shall discover the Author or Authors so as he or they may be brought to Punishment; Be deferr'd untill to morrow when Peddu will be present wch. will give a farther light how to proceed in it and the President and Council be acquainted therewith.

Two Peons Merabboy and Hemomboy who Seized on Peddu and stays with him at Pondicherry sent Mr. Burton at three a Clock this morning by Peon Kistna a Gold head of a Cane bruised all to pieces and a Neck buckle of bath Mettal belonging to John Packer; which is now produced, the same was found upon Peddu when they laid hold on him who confess'd to them that he Stole it out of John Packers room in Tuesday morning but he deny'd at the same time to have a hand in the murdering of him.

Peddu Seized who is taken at Pondy.

Mr. Burton acquaints the Board that Vengarlah a Talliar and Chit Lingana a Peon belonging to the Compy. whom he sent in quest of Peddu saw a Peon Jamaul Cawn formerly an Inhabitant of this place who told them that he met Peddu with one Tylon of Pollee Cast an Inhabitant at Trepopilore pass by Trevedee which Occasion'd the said Talliar and Peon to come back to Trepopilore and go into the house of said Tylon who they Seiz'd on and his family and brought them Yesterday Evening to Mr. Burton he order'd him to be Confin'd and Tylon to be put in Irons.

Tylon who assisted Peddu in his Escape Confined.

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Tylon Examined.

THE SAID Tylon is now brought before the Board who Confesses that he heard Peddu came to his house on Tuesday morning but he was gone to gather fruit out of the bounds to sell for the maintenance of his family and return'd to his house at four or five in the Evening and saw Peddu there who Stay'd till the next morning when the said Tylon went out of the Bounds again as usual to gather fruit and met with Peddu, they went together to Trevidee where they saw Jamaul Cawn who occasion'd them to return back to Nellacoopung where Peddu hid himself and so the said Tylon came home to his house he acknowledg'd to have receiv'd of Peddu two fanams but that he did not pawn his Earrings neither did he see his Unkle with Peddu at Tombe Reddee Coopang, and says that he had no relations there.

Several deposition deliverd in.

The Depositions of Naucheapah Wife to Tylon Ramaniah the Company's Corporal Peon, Moottu Comp^{ys}. Peon, Vencutteeputtee Talliar and Rama the Tom Tom fellow and a Translate of a Cadjan from Videe Reddee are enter'd after this Consultation.

TYLON is again sent for and examined upon the Depositions and in the presence of his Wife, Ramaniah, Moottu, Venketteeputtee, and Rama also the Cadjan of Videe Reddee Read to him, he deny's all and every thing therein mention'd.

It appears that Tylon was made privy to the murder and for not adviseing us of Peddu being at his house according to the notice given by the Tom Tom.

ORDER'D that he be put in Irons and kept in the Fort Prison untill further order from the Gov^{r}. and Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Ranga & Ramah Bro^{rs}. to Peddu Examined.

M^{r}. Burton acquaints the Board that he had Confin'd Ranga & Rama Brother's to Peddu the former was taken and Seiz'd on by his order at Bombapollam in his way to Madrass by two of the Company's Peons Merabboy and Hemomboy the latter Peon brought him here and went again to joyn Merabboy in quest of Peddu.

Ranga Brother to Peddu is now sent for before Board and ask'd the reason of his going out of the Bounds just after the Tom Tom was beaten in Search of his Brother, he answer'd that he had no business in this place to maintain himself and was going to Madrass to Kistna the Arrack Renter who he had Served before for above two Years he was again ask'd when he had seen his Brother Peddu he made answer not these two months.

Naucheapa wife to Tylon Examined.

Naucheapah the Wife of Tylon is now sent for in the presence of Ranga and ask'd whether she had Seen him on Tuesday morning at her house in Trepopilore talking there privately with Peddu according to the Depositions she had given, she answer'd that she saw this same man who she knew to be Ranga and Brother to Peddu at her house in Trepopilore, who with Peddu were talking together a great while, the said Ranga deny'd that he had seen either her or him for a long while especially Peddu he had not seen for these two months, they are both ORDER'D to wth.draw.

RAMA Brother to Peddu is now sent for before the Board and ask'd what business he had in this place to maintain himself, he answer'd no business but four fanams a month to Serve in the Arrack house at Tevenapatam where he for the most part sleeps for want of habitation, he was ask'd whether he had seen his Brother Peddu lately he made answer that he had not seen him for above these two months, he was again ask'd when he had seen his Brother Ranga, he said that his Brother Ranga slep't with him at the Arrack house in Tevenapatam on monday night with Nellatombe the Arrack Seller, Tham-Coottee Arrack Distiller and Venketty Kistna a Dubash who wait to Serve the Strangers that comes here, the said persons were sent for Seperately and question'd about it they answer'd that Rama and Ranga did Sleep wth. them in the said Arrack house on monday night. accordingly they were dismiss'd.

A further examination of Rama & Ranga.

The said Rama again ask'd whether he knew w[h]ere Peddu was who answer'd that he knew nothing of him or any one that had seen him of late but being press'd to tell the truth and a pardon offer'd him if he would declare the murderers or any of the accomplices he said that Ranga had told him yesterday that on Tuesday morning he went from the Arrack house to Trepopilore into the house of Tylon

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where he saw his Brother Peddu and talk'd with him there he knew nothing else but that his brother Ranga wanted to speak with him somewhat more but he would not hear him.

RANGA is now sent for in the presence of Rama who told the former that he should Say that he was on Tuesday morning at Trepopilore in the house of Tylon where he saw and talk'd with Peddu, the said Ranga Confess'd it and that he was afraid to own it before that he had then seen & talk'd with Peddu in Tylon's house on Tuesday morning after he went a fishing at Trepopilore River then he went into the Town and wanted to drink water which Occasion'd him to go into Tylon's house where he saw Peddu his brother and talk'd with him for a little while and so he went away and promised to see him again in the Evening, but he did not go, They were each of them press'd to declare the murderers or any of the Accomplices upon grant of a pardon in the Name of the Presid^{t}. and Council of Fort S^{t}. George which they refused to do or give any farther answer than what is aforemention'd.

Rama & Ranga Confined.

ORDER'D that Ranga have Irons put on his Legs and hands and sent to the Cockhouse in Tevenapatam and Rama have Irons put on his Legs only and sent to to the Cockhouse in Cuddalore, untill farther order from the Presid^{t}. and Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

Naucheapah Confined.

ORDER'D that Naucheapah, the Wife to Tylon be kept upon the Choultry with her Children, her house to be Chop'd untill farther order from the Presid^{t}. and Council of Fort S^{t}. George.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JN^{O}. GRAHAM.

Depositions of Naucheapah.

A TRANSLATE of Naucheapah Wife to Tylon deposes that by times on Tuesday morning Peddu came to her house and at Six a Clock after Peddu was there her husband the said Tylon went away to gather fruit out of the Bounds as usual for to bring it to his Wife to sell for their maintenance in the mean time, the said Naucheapah ask'd Peddu what business he had there at her house so soon in the morning, the said Peddu answer'd that he did but just Arrive from Madrass and owed his Unkle money and had quarrel'd with him which was the reason that he came to hide himself there, then the said Naucheapah went away to sell fruit about the Town and before Dinner time she came home again and saw Peddu there for whom she dress'd some Victuals and gave him to Eat and about four or five in the Evening her husband Tylon came home and heard Peddu offer two fanams to carry him out of the Bounds and about Six or Seven at Night both her husband and Peddu went out of the house together and two days after the said Tylon her husband returned to his house by himself the said Naucheapah told him that the Tom Tom had been beaten that no body should hide Peddu without being made Slaves to the Company and forfeit their house and Effects, her husband made answer (Po) who should know that he carried Peddu out of the bounds, that Peddu had pawn'd his Jewells at Punnahruttee and gave him two fanams which will Serve him a great many days more than gathering of fruit, the said Naucheapah says that her husband has an Unkle at Tombe Reddee Coopang and that she saw Ranga Peddu's brother in her house talking.

Rama deposition.

A TRANSLATE of Ramaniah the Comp^{ys}. Corp^{ll}. Peon deposes that when M^{r}. Burton order'd him to carry Yesterday Tylon in the Choultry Cockhouse and to put him in Irons the said Ramaniah told Tylon that he would not put him in the Cockhouse or in Irons if he would Confess the truth and offer'd him twenty Pagodas and took out his handkerchief at the same time and made a motion of

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taking out the money and to give it immediately to the said Tylon who made answer (Po) what is twenty Pagoda's for he did not Value it so much as to brake his word for it for he must stand to his word, the said Ramaniah answer'd if you do not confess I beleive it will be your fortune to be hang'd, the s^{d}. Tylon made answer that he could not tell what his fortune will be, afterwards the said Ramaniah put him in the Cockhouse and came away.

Sundry depositions. A TRANSLATE of Moottu Company's Peon, Venketteeputtee Talliar and Rama the Tom Tom fellow deposes that they heard Ramaniah the Corp^{ll}. Peon offer'd twenty Pagodas to Tylon when the said Ramaniah was going to put him in Irons at the Choultry Cockhouse in Tevenapatam and the said Ramaniah made a motion of opening his handkerchief to take out the money for to give it him then the said Tylon made answer (Po) that he did not Value the money for his word was better, the said Ramaniah then put him up in the Cockhouse and went away.

Cadjan from Viddee Reddee Renters. TRANSLATE of a Cadjan given under Viddee's hand (Tylon's Unkle) a Weaver in Tombee Reddee Coopang by order of Videe Reddee.

That Tylon and Peddu came to my house on Wednesday night and brought with them some Rice and Slept there that night and talked of going to the Northward a Thursday morning they went away & afterwards Peddu returned and brought some Rice with him, Eat it, and went away, this is all that Videe knows.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 6TH.

M^{R}. AUG^{S}. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{RS}. EDWARD CROKE. ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Peddu brought into the Bounds. M^{r}. Augustus Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that Peddu was brought before him at about twelve a Clock last night, he order'd Irons to be put on his hands and Legs and Sent him Prisoner to the Cockhouse in the Fort and a Centry to be kept upon him with Orders that no one shall have any Conference with him.

he appears afore the Board & makes his first Confession. Peddu is now sent for before the Board who answer'd and Confess'd himself in the English Language to all the Question's ask'd him directly as follows.

That he came from Fort S^{t}. George on purpose to rob M^{r}. John Packer and enter'd our Bounds on monday Evening, so soon as it was dark he went into the Fort and watch'd M^{r}. Packer's motion & found him to have been at M^{r}. Edward Harris's Lodgings before Eight a Clock at night when M^{r}. Packer's little boy went into M^{r}. Packer's Lodgings and carried in his black Silk Coat Peddu Silp'd into the Room after him and hid himself till the boy went out, afterwards he gott under the Couch in the first Room, Peddu about Nine at night saw M^{r}. Packer come into his Lodgings with his two Servants a little boy and a pretty tall boy go through that Room and went into the next room and he Set upon his Cott whils't he was undress'd then he bid his Servants go home and he went to the door and lock't it after they were gone out and so M^{r}. Packer went back again to his Cott and laid down to Sleep when Peddu likewise went to sleep under the Couch till about three a Clock in the morning then Peddu gott from under the Couch and pull'd off his Coat that it should not be found bloody and went into the room where M^{r}. Packer was laying down and gott at his Scrutore he perceived that M^{r}. Packer was wake who Call'd out who is there Peddu upon that

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went again into the first room to a Box of knives and forks that laid by the head of the Couch he had laid under and Snatch'd up a knife out if it and run to Mr. Packer and Cut him A Cross the throat who made a Shreiking noise twice or thrice and Call'd out Oh Lord Oh God and struggled with him at the same time when Peddu cut himself on the back of his left hand, then Peddu gave another Cut a Cross Mr. John Packer's throat and kill'd him Dead, then John Packer roll'd off from the Cott and fell down on the floor in the Corner of the room just by the head of the Cott, then Peddu open'd his Chest and took every thing out and strow'd it about the Room and broke open his Scrutore and took every thing out and put upon the Cott but could find nothing that he could carry away then he laid hold of his Silver hilted Sword and endeavour'd to brake off the hilt but he could not, so he put it A side then he took his Gold headed Cane and with a Pacote (the thing that he uses to cut Beetlenutt which he brought with him) Cut the Cane Clear off just under the head and Carried it away with him and nothing else belonging to Mr. Packer, as for the bath Mettal buckle he says that when he served Mr. Harris he was sent by him to Mr. Packer for a Muster of a Neck buckle which Peddu received of Mr. Packer then and made Mr. Harris a Silver one by it but kept the muster Peddu that whils't he was in Mr. Packer's room after he had kill'd him he saw the Soldiers pass by the Window to the Eastward Several times and about four a Clock when every thing was hush'd he gott out of that Window and went & laid down upon a Pyal just by the Armory Godowns till the Gun fir'd when he gott up and was a going out of the Main Gate, of the Fort, William Karr Serjt. took hold of him and ask'd him what business he had there, he said that he came into the Fort, and tumbled to Sleep when the Gates were Shutt, Peddu Says that he then went directly to Trepopilore to the house of Tylon who he found at home with his Wife and the said Tylon went out presently after and return'd towards the Evening and after Six at Night Peddu promised Tylon two fanams if he would go along with him out of the Bounds, Tylon consented to it and they went to Punnahruttee where Peddu pawn'd his Earrings and gave Tylon two fanams and then they went together to Tombe Reddee Copang in a house where they Dress'd Victuals and eat but Peddu could not tell whether the Master of that house was any ways related to Tylon, and Peddu Says that he never did tell Tylon that he had committed murder but that he had owed his Unkle money and quarrel'd with him which was the Occasion of his running away Peddu likewise Says that his brother Ranga came to him on Tuesday morning and talk'd with him but not that he had confess'd to him the Murder he had committed on Mr. John Packer only he said that he came from Fort St. George that morning owed his Unkle money and had quarrel'd with him wch. was the Occasion of his hideing himself and that his brother Ranga promis'd to See him Again before the Evening but he never came.

Peddu sent to Prision [*sic*].

ORDER'D that Peddu be again Sent to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs and a Centry to be kept over him that no body shall have any Conference wth. him without the order of Mr. Burton.

Tylon brought [a]gain before the [B o]ard.

Tylon is now sent for before the Board and ask'd whether he would Confess that he had been made privy by Peddu's means to the Murder of Mr. John Packer or whether he was at Peddu's house on Tuesday morning when Peddu came there or went with him at eight A Clock out of the Bounds or that Peddu pawn'd his Earrings at Punnahruttee and give him two fanams for his Trouble he was ask'd whether he had an Unkle in a place Call'd Tombe Reddee Coopang or went there to his house with Peddu or that his Wife Naucheapah when he return'd home told him any thing of the Tom Tom being beaten concerning Peddu, all which he denys and Says that he knew nothing more then what he said Yesterday.

Tylon Returned to Prision [*sic*].

ORDER'D that Tylon be sent again to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs.

Ranga Brother to Peddu is sent for before the Board and ask'd whether Peddu had told him of the murder he had Committed on Mr. John Packer he answer'd no, nor does he know anything more then what he had told Yesterday.

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Ranga again Examin'd.

ORDER'D that Ranga be sent Again to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs.

Mr. Harris is sent for before the Board who Says that Ensign Brewster and himself walk'd upon the Curtains on Monday Evening, Mr. John Packer came to them and they went together to his Lodgings and they Stay'd with him there till about Seaven at night and Eat some Crabs together and then they went to Supper with the Docter.

AGREED that a grant of pardon be affixed in all Languages in and out of the Bounds in the name of the President and Council of Fort St. George to any Accessary to the murder of Mr. John Packer who shall discover the Author or Authors so as he or they may be brought to Punishment; be deferr'd and the President and Council be acquainted therewith.

A General to Madrass wh. Coppy of Consaltations.

ORDER'D that a General Letter be sent to the President and Council of Fort St. George encloseing Yesterdays and this day's Consultation and Depositions.

P. 100 given two Peons who Caught Peddu.

ORDER'D that Pags. 100 be given to Merabboy and Hemomboy two of the Company's Peons who Seized and had taken Peddu and the Tom Tom be beaten all over the bounds to give Notice that the Company had given them such a Gratuity

AUGS. BURTON.
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The 2 Peons that Caught Peddu a reward of 100 : given.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 7TH.

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.

MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Peddu Second Cenfen.

Mr. BURTON Acquaints the Board that he Summon'd them to tell them that Peddu had sent a Note to him in Gentue tongue by William Karr Serjt. and [a] Message that he had Something more to impart concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer.

ORDER'D that Peddu be sent for before the Board and ask'd the reason of his Sending Such a Message.

Peddu Appears before the Board and is ask'd the reason of his Sending such a Message, he answer'd That he came from Madrass to get Service here his Brother in Law gave him Nine fanams there before he came away, when he came here which was on Monday Evening he went to the Washing Town Choultry at Tevenapatam from thence at past five a Clock he was comeing to the Fort to look for Conavittee a Servant belonging to M[r. Hai]rstens and met with Mr. Vezian the other Side of the Bridge from the Fort who said to him Peddu from whence

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did you come he answer'd from Trepopilore Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he saw Trim Mr. Packer's Servant, Peddu answer'd that he did not See him, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Serv'd any body, Peddu answer'd no, then Mr. Vezian bid him go along with him and if he would Serve him he wou'd give him A Pagoda ℔ month, so Peddu went along with him and they both walked together round the Colloway and so came back into the Fort together when Mr. Vezian call'd out to his Servant Grua, Grua and bid him lay the Table and then Mr. Vezian [w]ent towards the Cookroom and bid Peddu stay on [the] out Side of the Square where Mr. Vezian liv'd and at the door of the Square Mr. Vizians Servant laid the Table and he came & Sat down there and ask'd his Servant Moottu Kistnah for some water to drink afterwards his Servant brot. the Supper, when he was a Supp[in]g the Gunner pass'd by from his Lodgings with his Gown on, who Mr. Vezian saw and bid Peddu presently go into the Square and Stay there by the door, Mr. Vezian ask'd the Gunner whether he would Sup with him, the Gunner made answer that he did not care for Supper, this was almost Eight a Clock at Night, when Mr. Vezian had done his Supper he bid his Servant bring him a Pipe of Tobacco, after he had done Smoaking one Pipe he bid his Servants bring Water to wash his hands and face and then he bid his Servts. go home which was about half an hour after Eight a Clock, then he Call'd Peddu and Carried him within the Square by his Lodgings and ask'd him whether he would kill Mr. Packer, Peddu answer'd that he cannot, then Mr. Vezian told him that he would go along with him and give him Something and promised that he should Serve him and he would give him a Pagoda a month, Peddu answer'd very well then Mr. Vezian Show'd him a place and bid him Sleep there and so he went into his room to Sleep and before three a Clock in the morning Mr. Vezian came to Peddu and awaked him out of his Sleep and carried him out of the Square towards the East window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings and gott up the Banisters (which goes round the house a little distance from it, where is Packer's Lodgings) when Mr. Vezian had got to the other Side of the Banisters he bid Peddu come too, then Mr. Vezian took up the Rattan window and gott into Mr. Packer's Lodgings, Peddu had then got over the Banisters, then he saw that Mr. Packer was awake and Peddu got likewise in at the window and saw Mr. Packer got up and took hold of his Sword Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword and Wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands and throw'd him upon the Cott and held him by his throat and his knees upon his belly Peddu was then Standing by the Cott and heard Mr. Packer call out twice together Oh Lord Oh God, Mr. Vezian bid Peddu bring him a knife, Peddu said that he did [not] know where a knife was, Mr. Vezian made answer that in the other room where was a Lighted Lamp and this Side the Chest lay a box of knives, Peddu accordingly went there and brought him a knife, then Mr. Vezian bid him cut Mr. Packers throat, which he had hold off at the same time, Peddu said that his hand Shook and he could not do it Mr. [Vez]ian again bid him Cutt and held Mr. Packer's throat to him, Peddu then gave a Cutt a Cross Mr. Packer's throat and cut at the Same time the back of his left hand then Mr. Vezian Snatch'd the knife out of Peddu's hand and Cut Mr. Packer's throat and kill'd him dead and afterwards roll'd him off of the Cott and got a key and went into the next room and brought Mr. Packer's hand Scrutore in the same room he had kill'd Mr. Packer and open'd it upon the Cott then he went into the next room and open'd his Chest and bid Peddu look into the Scrutore and see what he could find, but Peddu at that time got hold of Mr. Packer's Cane and Cut off the head (with a Pacote he brought with him wch. he used to cut his Beetlenutt, then Mr. Vezian said that he had got nothing and both went out again at the same window, which was almost four a Clock, and then Peddu ask'd Mr. Vezian for Something that he had promised) by that time they were again got into the Square Mr. Vezian answer'd you dog Sleep here and he would give him Something in the morning, then Mr. Vezian went into his room to Sleep and Peddu laid down in the Square until the Gun fir'd, then he was afraid to Stay after he knew what had been done and went out of the Fort, the said Peddu then repeated before the Board all the rest of his Transaction which was word for word According to our Consultation of Yesterday.

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Peddu return'd to Prison.

PEDDU was order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD Debated on what Peddu had said when Mr. Edwd. Croke reply'd that Capt Wilson should Say, what do you think if you should find a Gentleman had a hand in this murder, this was a day or two after the murder was Committed.

Capt. Wilson Sent for.

ORDER'D that Capt. Wilson be sent for before the Board.

Mr. JOHN GRAHAM reply'd that he should have heard Mr. Vezian Say the same day Peddu had made his Confess[ion] when the Board had sent for all the Gentlemen in the Fort to have heard the Tryal among whom was Mr. Vezian, who should say so soon as the Consultation was over that how impudently Peddu had told his Story and that Mr. Vezian was afraid to look towards Peddu for fear he should have been Impeach'd by him.

Capt. Wilson appears before the Board.

CAPT. DAVID WILSON appears before the Board and was ask'd the reason he had to Suspect any Gentlemen to have had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer he answer'd that he had no certain ground or reason to Suspect any Gentlemen, but that as he was talking with Mrs. Holcombe on this Affair she told him that some of her Acquaintance had Suggested that notion to her and that he made no farther enquiry into the particulars because she seem'd to be reserved and only hinting it as a bare Suggestion.

CAPT. DAVID WILSON is Dismiss'd.

Mr. Burton to speak to Mrs. Holcombe about some expressions us'd by her.

ORDER'D that Mr. Burton speak to Mrs. Holcombe about it and report it to the Board the next Consultation what she meant concerning [tho]se Expressions she had used.

Moodu Vezian's Servant examin'd.

MOODU Mr. Vezians Servant is Sent for before the Board and ask'd whether his Master had any blood upon his Shirt or any of his Cloaths who answer'd that he Saw upon a Chair in his room on Wednesday a day after the murder of Mr. Packer, a White Handkerchief bloody be[lon]ging to his master which he then had put to the Washerman & Suppos'd that his Master had been in the Cookroom and Cut some Mutton or something else for his dinner or Cut his finger with his Penknife in makeing Pens.

MOODU was order'd to withdraw.

[En]quiry made about bloody Shirt.

ORDER'D that Mr. Burton enquire of the Wash[er]man belonging to Mr. Vezian of the bloody Han[dke]rchief he had recd. of Moodu Mr. Vezians Servant and Report it at the Board next Consultation.

Mr. Vezian appears before the Board.

MR. VEZIAN is Sent for before the Board & was ask'd whether he was guilty of the murder of Mr. Packer that Peddu had impeach'd him & charg'd him with it Mr. Vezian deny'd it, then the Board told him what Peddu had said Mr. Vezian deny'd it again in a very insolent manner, then Peddu was sent for before and in the presence of Mr. Vezian and was order'd to tell him what he had to say concerning the murder of Mr. Packer, Peddu had began to speak as he had related to the Board and Mr. Vezian interrupted him in a very insolent manner, The Board order'd Mr. Vezian to hold his tongue until he had heard all that Peddu had to say, he answer'd very well, then Peddu was order'd to tell Mr. Vezian what he had to say and Mr. Vezian interrupted him again just when Peddu said that Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword & wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands, Mr. Vezian presently in an insolent manner [said] now Gentlemen how can it be possible [the] Sword could be bent in such a manner in a [Scuff]le, and to his certain knowledge that it could not be, for it must have been endeavour'd to have been broke off to carry away the hilt, Mr. Vezian was order'd to be carry'd A Side by the Guard.

Mr. Vezian was again sent for before the Board and was told that his behaviour there was very insolent, and gave but the more Suspicion that he had a hand in

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the murder by not hearing the Impeachmt. against him from Peddu, & make such reply to it afterwards as was becomeing in his defence, he answer'd that [he] would be quiet & give Peddu leave to Say what he could.

PEDDU was again Sent for in the presence of Mr. Vezian [and] order'd to tell him what he had to say concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer. Peddu sent for.

PEDDU accordingly related to Mr. Vezian word for word as is here before mention'd. Peddu relates the Affair to Vezian.

MR. VEZIAN made answer that he knew nothing of the matter and deny'd that he had a hand in the murder of Mr. Packer and said that he was never out of the Fort all that day nor did he put on his Cloaths, but went with his longdraws all that day and offers to bring his own Servants as Witnesses. Mr. Vezian deny's all.

PEDDU is order'd to withdraw.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Servt. is now sent for before the Board in the presence of Mr. Vezian and ask'd whether he could remember that his Master was dress'd and had his Cloath's on, Moodu answer'd that he came from Cuddalore on Monday night before Seaven a Clock and Saw his Master dress'd and standing by the Docters window. Moodu Kistnah again examin'd.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Servant is order'd to withdraw. He withdraws.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is now sent [for] before the board in the presence of Mr. Vezian his Master & ask'd whether his Master was dress'd on Monday, Grua answer'd that his Master was dress'd before he came to him which was about four a Clock in the afternoon and that his Master went out of the Fort that same Evening and return'd again at about half an hour after Six a Clock. Grua Vezians Servt. examin'd.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is order'd to withdraw.

MR. VEZIAN deny'd what his Servants had said and says that he did not dress himself all that day neither was he out of the Fort. [Ve]zian deny's wt. [his] Servt. Says.

MR. VEZIAN is order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD debated that it appear'd very Suspicious Mr. Vezian had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer and his behaviour was very insolent by his endeavouring to Confound Peddu in the Impeachment. [Vezi]an Sent to Prison.

ORDER'D that Mr. Vezian be confin'd in a Godown under the Lodgings on the main Guard of the Fort and have a Centry put over him that no body have any conference with him but by order of Mr. Burton Provll. Chief.

MOODU KISTNAH Servt. to Mr. Vezian is again sent for before the Board & gives in his deposition wch. is enter'd after this Consultation. Moodu Kistnah again Examin'd.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is again sent for before the Board & gives in his deposition wch. [is] enter'd after this Consultation. Grua examin'd again.

GEORGE THREIPLAND Docter is sent for before the Board & ask'd when he saw Mr. Vezian, he answer'd on Monday night about Seven a Clock that he saw him at his window and dress'd with all his Cloaths on & a Cap upon his head. George Threipland examin'd.

ORDER'D that Messrs. Gilman & Graham do immediately go and Seal up the door's of Mr. Vezian's Lodgings & secure what he has there. the doors of Vezian's rooms to be Seal'd up.

GEORGE SANDERS GUNNER is now sent for before the Board & ask'd whether on monday night before eight a Clock he pass'd [by] the door of the Square, he answer'd that he did and saw Mr. Vezian sitting there at Supper, he [ca]ll'd out to the Gunner to Sup with him the Gunner made answer that he did not care for Supper. Geo: Sanders examin'd.

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Mr. Vezian's Answer to wt. Mr. Graham had said.

MR. VEZIAN is again sent for & acquainted what Mr. Graham had told the Board he answer'd he did not say so, but he confess'd that he should have said that Peddu look'd so impudent at his first Confession that he was afraid that Peddu would look on him and impeach him.

Mr. Vezian return'd to Prison.

ORDER'D that a Guard be sent for, and Mr. Vezian be carryed away to Prison as is here before order'd.

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.

7 Mr. Vezian confin'd upon Suspicion.

— Sloops belonging to the French [ca]me in our River to winter her[e].

Monsr Morandire went to Pondry.

Mood Kistnah's Deposition.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Servant deposes that half an hour after twelve his Master [ha]d Eat his Dinner and bid Kistna his Servant go home & so [go] to Cuddalore and bring him four fanams of Pipes when he return'd to his Master in the Fort was about Seven at night who was at the Docter's window the outside of the Docters Lodgings talking with some Gentlemen that were within he was dress'd with his Shoes & Stockings, Coat, Wastcoat & Breeches a Cap upon his head & a Cane in his hand the said Moodu Kistnah went to him there & his Master Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he had brought the Pipes, he answer'd yes, then Mr. Vezian bid him go and lay the Cloth out of the Square just before the door, then bid him go into the Cook room and get him some Eggs and Bacon for Supper, wch. he did and brought it at the [Sq]uare door when Mr. Vezian was a Eating the Gunner [pa]ss'd by, Mr. Vezian called out to him to come to Supper, [the] Gunner said that he did not care for Supping & so went away, after Mr. Vezian had done his Supper, he bid his Servant bring his night Cloaths, then a Pipe of Tobacco, & then he bid them take up the Chair & carry it within and go home, which was about half an hour after eight A Clock, then the said Kistnah and Grua both Servants to Mr. Vezian and two Servants belonging to Ensign Brewster Comrah and Venkee went all home together, the next morning at Seven a Clock he came again and found his Master at the Gunners door then he went [to] the Square and got Toast and Milk ready for his Breakfast as usuall then his Master came from the G[unn]ers and bid him put a Chair at the door of the [Squ]are and there he carried the Toast and milk, after [he] had Eat his Breakfast he went to the Fort house and Kistnah was at home getting Cloaths ready for his Master to Dress, at about ten a Clock his Master came home and dress'd himself, the said Moodu Kistnah Says that his Master never sent him home at night so soon as at half an hour after eight a Clock & very seldom his master used to get up at Seven in the morning except he had Business to do in the Office, but this morning he found him at the Gunners door, the said Moodu Kistnah deposes that the next day after the murder being committed on Wednesday, Grua another Servant belonging to Mr. Vezian Shew'd him a white Handkerchief with redd Stripes, bloo[dy] lyeing upon a Chair which he gave to the Washerman, then the Washerman ask'd him how came this blood upon the Handkerchief, Moodu Kistnah made answer that he used to go to the Cookroom himself and cut some meat perhaps this blood came that way or his Cutting of Pens, perhaps he had cut his finger, and so gave the Cloaths to the Washerman.

Grua's Deposition.

GRUA Mr. Vezian's Servant deposes that on monday after he went home to Dinner he came again to his Master at about four a Clock & found his Master dress'd wth. Shoes, Stockings, Coat & Wastcoat & a Cap upon his head & a Cane

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in his hand & a little while af[ter] his master came out of the Fort at about half an [hou]r after Six or near Seven a Clock his Master came [into] the Fort & went to the Docters door where he was walking about, Grua was then at the Square door, where his Master liv'd, & saw him, then came Moodu Kistnah from Cuddalore with the Pipes and ask'd him where was his Master, Grua answer'd that his Master was there walking at the Docters door, then Moodu Kistnah went to his Master at the Docters and came back again and bid Grua lay the Table at the Square door and Moodu Kistnah went then into the Cookroom and brought some Eggs & Bacon and laid it upon the Table then his Master Mr. Vezian came and sat at Table which was before Eight a Clock, after his Master had done Eating, bid him bring the night C[loa]ths and undress'd himself and after Grua had carried his Coat and other Cloaths that his Master had pull'd off into his Lodgings, then his Master order'd him to bring a pipe of Tobacco then he Smoak'd his pipe out and order'd him and Moodu to Carry in the Chair and bid them go home, which was about half an hour after Eight a Clock; then he & Moodu, Comrah & Venkee went home together, the next morning Grua came to the Fort a little after Seven a Clock and found his Master at the Gunners, he went and got ready the Toast and Milk, his Master came home and Eat it and then he went towards the Forthouse, the next day he saw his Master's white Han[dk]erchief upon the Chair in his room bloody and Grua went and told Moodu Kistnah of it, that same morning Moodu Kistnah put the Cloaths to the Washerman, the Washerman ask'd what was that blood, Moodu Kistnah answer'd that he beleived his Master had been Cutting some meat in the Cookroom or been Cutting Pens perhaps he had cut his finger.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBERT BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

SUNDAY 8TH.

THE BOARD met & agreed to go into Mr. Vezians Lodgs. & Search there for any thing belonging to Mr. Packer, & to look upon Mr. Vezians Cloaths & see whether any thing bloody was to be found upon them, some of Mr. Vezians Cloaths are found bloody.

Mr. Vezian's Lodgings Search'd.

ORDER'D that the Docter examine them & give his opinion of them in writing which is enter'd after this Consultation.

the Doctr. to examine the bloody Cloaths.

THE BOARD again met & agreed to send for Peddu, and examine him over again upon his impeachmt. on Mr. Peter Vezian being accessary wth. him in the murder of Mr. John Packer.

Peddu again examin'd.

PEDDU appears before the Board, & is required to give an Accot. of his impeaching Mr. Peter Vezian on the murder of Mr. John Packer, Peddu accordingly gives an Accot. exactly word for word as he did Yesterday, & making a farther addition which is as follows.

Peddu Says that Mr. Vezian came f[rom] his room before three a clock in the morning barefooted & [wth.] no other Cloaths on than a Shirt, a pair of longdraws & a Cap, upon his head, & when he went out of Mr. Packers Lodgings he had never a Cap upon his head wch. was left behind in Mr. Packers Lodgings,

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when they went into the Square Mr. Vezians Shirt & Drawers were very bloody Mr. Vezian sat down upon a Chair at his door & pull'd off his bloody Cloaths & thrust it wth. a Cane or a Stick into the Sink which is in the Square. & just by the Lodgings of Mr. Vezian who afterwards ask'd Peddu whether he had any blood upon him, Peddu answer'd no, and so Mr. Vezian went into his room to Sleep, and bid Peddu Sleep in the Square, at five in the morning Peddu was afraid to Stay for fear of being found out he made the best of his way out of the Fort, And repeated every thing Since as is mention'd in his first declaration Peddu was order'd to be Carried back from whence he came to Prison.

The Sink in the Fort to be examin'd.

ORDER'D that the Sink in the Square just by Mr. Vezians Lodgings, or rather the Common Shoar or Channel to Convey the water, out that [Side] of the [Fort] be open'd & Search'd as far as it can be done without damageing any the Walls or Lodgings.

Tom Tom to be [beat] about the [blo]ody Shirt or [d]rawers.

ORDER'D that the Tom Tom be beaten & a Pagª. reward offer'd to any who shall produce the bloody Shirt or Drawers that may be found & taken up by the Channel out of the Fort, the rains that have fallen Since that Disaster might have Carried the said Shirt & Drawers clearly out.

Paper from [Mr. Ve]— zian.

Mr. Burton Produces to the Board a paper he recd. last night from Mr. Peter Vezian wch. is [en]ter'd after this Consultation.

Moodu Mr. Vezians Servt gives [an] Accot. of his [C]loaths.

Moodu Mr. Vezians Servant is sent for before the Board to give an Accot. of his Masters Cloaths, wch. he now takes an Accot. off and finds only a pair of white longdrawers missing he can give no Accot. of his Caps, being very old, torn & good for nothing, so there was no Accot. kept of it.

[A] bloody Hand- ker[chi]ef found at the [Wa]sher- man's

Mr. Burton reports that the Washerman who Carried Mr. Vezians Cloaths Said that a day or two after the murder he went to Mr. Vezians room for his foul Cloths, his Servant Moodu Kistnah gave them to him, among wch. there was a [wh]ite Handkerchief red Striped very much bloody the Wash[er]man ask'd Moodu the meaning of it, Moodu made answer [it] may be that his Master went into the Cookroom and [cut] some Mutton or Something else there, and told the Washerman what's that to you, & bid him carry away the Cloaths the Washerman said nothing of it to Mr. Burton, because he took Mr. Vezian to be a Gentleman, & that he could not do such a thing as murder wch, was the Occasion of his not complaining to Mr. Burton According to the order he had given to all the Washermen.

Mr. John Graham reports that Mr. Vezian had sent for him & desired him to Speak to the Board, that he might have an answer to the paper he Sent Mr. Burton which is enter'd after this Consultation.

AGREED that no Answer shall be sent to that Paper, that the Board would send for Mr. Vezian in proper times & read to him his Accusation & hear all and every defence he shall make in due form.

All the Compys. Servts. to give in writing an Accot. of Mr. Vezians behaviour.

ORDER'D that all the Compys. Servants Officer's, Docter, Gunner, all and every Person or Person's Mr. Vezian was known to converse with be sent for & order'd to give into the Board in writing an Accot. of Mr. Vezians Behaviour since the murder of Mr. John Packer & all such expressio[ns] & Actions as may any way tend to Suspition of his being guilty or had a hand in the murder of said John Packer.

Mrs. Hol- combe's Answer.

Mr. Burton reports that he has ask'd Mrs. Holcombe whether she had utter'd to Capt. Wilson or told him that some of her acquaintance had Suggested that a Gentlem[an] sho[uld] have had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer Mrs. Holcombe reply'd, that she herself only Suggested such a thing by the Character Mr. Vezian had in this place for a great reprobate.

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Mr. Berriman tells the Board that a little before the murder was Committed Mr. Vezian went to him & ask'd Mr. Berriman to lend him 21 Pags. & said that he had mony come out of England this Year in the hands of Mr. Franks who wrote him that he would Send it him in a few days when he would again pay him; & that he has reasons now to beleive that Mr. Vezian did not tell him true. Mr. Berriman acquaints ye. board of some mony he lent Mr. Vezian.

Augs. Burton.
Edwd. Croke.
R. [Be]rriman.
R. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.

By Order of Mr. Augustus Burton Provll. Chief I examined Some Linen of Mr. Vezian's and found the back part of a Shirt & a pair of Drawers Stain'd with a bloody Slime which I beleive is the Effect of a Distemper, he has for some time complain'd off. [Sur]geons report.

Geo: Threipland.

Peddu's Accusation

He deposes that on monday the 25th. d[ay] of Septr. he saw me on the bridge, & I having called to him ask'd whether he had any Service or if had Seen Trim formerly Servant to Mr. Packer & that afterwards he went & took a turn in the Colloway, & came in the Fort, & heard me call for my Servant & order him to lay the Table Cloth, at the door, & that afterwards I proposed to him the takeing away of Mr. Packer's life to wch. he answer'd that he cou'd not do it himself but that I reply'd I would help him & that I would give him a Pagoda a month to Serve me if he would assist me. [Mr. Vez]ian's answer [deliv]er'd in writing to [Ped]du's accusa[tion].

In answer to this accusation I declare that I never saw the [sa]id Peddu Since Mr. Harris had dismissed him of his Service [to t]he best of my knowledge, that it may be likely enough of [...] hearing of me call my Servants to bring my Cap, but I remember I went to the Cookroom & order'd the Cook to frye me some Eggs, & Stayed Some Small time at the Docters window who then was Setting at his Scrutore, playing on the flute on Compy. wth. Mr. Dockraw that I went away & than told my Servt. to lay my Cloth wch. Still he might hear, & I not See him. being then very Dark. but to think it Strange for me to ask one who I had not Seen some time, wch. he declares to have been at Madrass, more then that was Seen to come in the bounds monday morning, & told his Companion not to take any notice of his being there, for me I say to ask that man to kill another & to reward him only by taking of him in my Service & give a Pagoda a month, I should think that man must have hinted of it to him before which could not be done, but by having kept a Correspondence wth. him, while he was abroad.

He declares that we both came into the window & that awakeing of Mr, Packer, he & I Struggled together, & that he reach'd his Sword, & that I wrench'd it, by wch. means he could not draw it, the Sword is yet to be produced, & I am Sure may Soon be known whether that wrench in it could have been done in a Struggle.

As to the murthering of the Gentleman he further declares that he & I ask'd one another who should kill him, & that he went to fetch a knife, but that he Cut his hand (but how he said it happen'd I can't tell) but that I took the knife & Cut his throat, I am Sure that if all this happened as he falsly declares Mr. Packer would have had time enough to a Cryed out, more than [he] was heard to do, & that the Centry must have heard the Strug[glin]g between he & I.

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Mr. Harris can Justify that I was there at the time when Mr. Threipland sent to him a note, for some mony, & that Mr. Packer Said at paying of it that was all that he had so that I could not go for mony when I knew he had none. This is all I can Say to his Accusation at Present my thoughts being so frustrated at his false Impeachment that I may have forgott a great deal of his deposition, but I am Yet in hopes to be favour'd wth. a Copy of them & then I should do my endeavours to answer them to, in a handsome manner & shew you my innocence.

I would beg the favour Sr. that the [first] time Peddu is called before the Board you would [ask him] the following Questions.

1st. Why he did not accuse me Yesterday.

2 Whether he has recd. any mony from me at any time.

3 If I gave any reason why I should propose the killing of Mr. Packer.

4 Why he did not Say he Served me when Serjt. Karr Stoped him at the Fort Gate, or that he came to speak wth. me the night before.

5 Whether I took any thing out of the room.

6 How I was dress'd when the murder was committed.

7 Whether I was bloody any where.

8 How we came to meet in the morning.

I am

Sr.

Your most Humble Servant

PETER VIZIAN.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 9TH. MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVLL. CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWD. CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Severall Depositions deliver'd in. Mr. Graham produces to the Board Several depositions given by the Gentlemen in the Fort under their own hands. who have in any ways been Conversant wth. Mr. Peter Vezian since the murder of Mr. John Packer.

Wm. Johnson; Richd. Dockwra Compys. Servants.

Nathaniel Ross Ensign, Benjamin Brewster Ensign.

George Sanders Gunner, George Threipland Surgeon.

ORDER'D that every one Swear to the foregoing Papers, & be enter'd after this Consultation.

Copy of a Par of a Letter from Wood Smart to Wm. Johnson. Mr. Burton produces to the Board a Copy of a Par: [of a] Letter dated the 15th. Sepr to Mr. Johnson wrote him from Fort St. George by Mr. Wood Smart wch. he order'd to be taken & is. I shall in a day or two give you Some Accot. of Vezian & let you See how base a fellow he is; take this from me you may as well let a Bear or Tyger come into your rooms as him.

Peddu again mpeaches Vezian. PEDDU is now sent for before the Board, & ask'd to tell the truth concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer who Says that he had told the truth before & that Mr. Vezian had a hand in the killing of Mr. Packer, or rather the Principle Peddu was again ask'd to tell the manner of it wch. he repeated over in English word for word in the Same manner as to the Substance set down in the two last Consultations of the 7th. & 8th. Instant.

Peddu is order'd to withdraw.

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Mr. Peter Vezian is sent for before the Board & ask'd whether he had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer or not, he answer'd no, he was again ask'd whether he knew any body that had, he Again answer'd that he did not know any thing of the matter, he was told that Peddu had again impeach'd him in the very Same manner he had done before, & Several other Circumstances appear'd against him by the expressions he had used from his own mouth Since the murder of Mr. Packer makes it very Suspicious that he was Guilty, Mr. Peter Vezian Answer'd, that he had no hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer. Vezian deny's all.

Peddu is sent for before the Board in the presence of Mr. Peter Vezian & Demanded to tell what he knew of the murder of Mr. John Packer, Peddu answer'd that Mr. Vezian was the occasion of Mr. Packers murder, Peddu was then order'd to tell Mr. Vezian how & in what manner Mr. Vezian could be acc[essa]ry to it, Peddu then reply'd as follows. Peddu relates the Story before Vezian.

That he came from Madrass to get Service here, his Brother in law gave him 9 fanams there before he came away when he came here, wch. was on Monday Evening he went to the washing Town Choultry at Tevenapatam from thence at Past 5 a Clock, he was coming to the Fort to look for Conavettee a Servant belonging to Mr. Hairstens, & met with Mr. Vezian the other Side of the bridge from the Fort, who said to him Peddu from whence did you come he answer'd from Trepopilore, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Saw Trim Packers Servt., Peddu answer'd that he did not See him, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Served any body, Peddu answer'd no, than Mr. Vezian bid him go along with him & if he would Serve him he would give him a Pagoda ℔ month [So] Peddu went along with him, & they both walked together [round] the Colloway, & so came back into the Fort together, w[hen] Mr. Vezian call'd out to his Servt. Grua Grua & bid him lay the Table, & then Mr. Vezian went towards the Cookroom & bid Peddu stay on the outside of the Square, where Mr. Vezian lived, & at the door of the Square Mr. Vezian's Servt. laid the Table, & he came & sat down there & ask'd his Servant Moottu Kistnah for some water to drink afterwards his Servants brought the Supper when he was a Supping the Gunner pass'd by from his Lodgings with his Gown on, who Mr. Vezian saw & bid Peddu presently go into the Square & Stay there by the door, Mr. Vezian ask'd the Gunner whether he would Sup with him the Gunner made Answer that he did not care for Supper, this was almost eight a Clock at night when Mr. Vezian had done his Supper he bid his Servants bring him a Pipe of Tobacco after he had done Smoaking one pipe he bid his Servants bring water to wash his hands & face, & then he bid his Servants go home, which was about ½ an hour after eight a Clock, then he call'd Peddu & Carried him within the Square by his Lodgings & ask't him whether he would kill Mr. Packer, Peddu Answer'd that he cannot than Mr. Vezian told him that he would go along wth. him & give him Something & promised that he should Serve him, & he would give him a Pagoda a month, Peddu answer'd very well than Mr. Vezian shew'd him a place & bid him Sleep there & so he went into his room to Sleep & before three a Clock in the morning Mr. Vezian came to Peddu & Awaked him out of his Sleep & carried him out of the Square, toward's the East window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings, & [...] up the Banisters wch. goes round the house a little di[st]ance from it where is Packers Lodgings when Mr. Vezian had got the other side of the Banisters, he bid Peddu come too, then Mr. Vezian took up the rattan window & got into Mr. Packers Lodgings, Peddu had then got over the Banisters when he Saw that Mr. Packer was awaked & Peddu got likewise in at the window, & Saw Mr. Packer get up & took hold of his Sword, Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword & wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands, & throw'd him upon the Cott, & held him by his throat, & his knees upon his belly Peddu was then Standing by the Cott, & heard Mr. Packer call out twice together Oh Lord, Oh God. Mr. Vezian bid Peddu bring him a knife, Peddu Said that he did not know where a knife was Mr. Vezian made answer that in the other room where was a lighted Lamp, & this side the Chest, lay a box of knives. Peddu accordingly went there & brought him a knife, then Mr. Vezian bid him Cut Mr. Packer's throat wch. he had hold off at the Same time,

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Peddu said that his hands Shook and he could not do it, Mr. Vezian again bid him Cut and held Mr. Packer's throat to him Peddu then gave a Cut A Cross Mr. Packers throat and Cut at the Same time the back of his left hand, then Mr. Vezian Snatch'd the knife out of Peddu's hands and Cut Mr. Packer's throat & kill'd him dead & afterwards roll'd him off the Cott and got a key and went into the next room & brought Mr. Packers hand Scrutore in the same Room & open'd it upon the Cot, then he went into the next room & Open'd his Chest, & bid Peddu look into the Scrutore and See what he could find, but Peddu at that time got hold of Mr. Packer's Cane & cut off the head with a Pocote, he brought with him which he us'd to Cutt his Beetle-nutt, then Mr. Vezian said that he had got nothing, and both went out Again at the Same window which was almost 4 a Clock, & then Peddu ask'd Mr. Vezian for Something that he had promised by that time they were again got into the Square, Mr. Vezian answer'd you dog Sleep here, & he would give him Something in the morning then Mr. Vezian went [in]to his room to Sleep, & Peddu laid down in the Square, Peddu also Say's that Mr. Vezian came from his room before three a Clock in the morning barefooted & had no other Cloaths on than a Shirt a pair of long drawers & a Cap on his head, & when he went out of Mr. Packer's Lodgings he had never a Cap, upon his head, wch. was left behind in Mr. Packer's Lodgs. when they went into the Square, Mr. Vezian's Shirt and Drawers were very bloody, Mr. Vezian sat down upon a Chair at his door and pull'd off his bloody Cloaths, and thrust it with a Cane or a Stick into the Sink which is in the Square, and just by the Lodgings of Mr. Vezian, who afterwards ask'd Peddu whether he [had a]ny blood upon him, Peddu answer'd no, and so Mr. [Vezia]n went into his Room to Sleep and bid Peddu [to be] in the Square; at five in the morning Peddu was afraid to Stay for fear of being found out, he made the best of his way out of the Fort.

Peddu was order'd to withdraw.

Mr. Vezian's Accot. how he spent the Evening. Mr. Packer was murder'd upon.

Mr. Peter Vezian was demanded to tell the Board whether he knew any thing of what Peddu had just now told him, he answer'd that he would tell and repeat all that was done that monday evening before the murder was Committed.

That he went out of the Fort on monday evens. the day before the murder of Mr. Packer, where he met Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief a little to the Eastward of the Fort Gate by the River Side lading some Chellinga's with Plank the Dutch Chief was in the Chellinga & Mr. Vezian went in to him, & Stay'd there near an hour that it was then dark, he told Mr. Wilhelm that he was going to the Portugueze Church it was then half an hour after Six and that he went from thence directly to the Portugueze Chruch where he met & spoke to the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard & ask'd him how long the Church Ceremony would last, the Drummer told him in the Portugueze Language wch. he understood that it would last till about eight a Clock, Mr. Vezian then directly came home, and so soon [as] he got into the Fort he called for his boy Grua and gave him his hatt, & Wigg and went into the Cookroom himself, where he order'd the Cook to fry him Some bacon & eggs for Supper, afterwards he Contradicted that order, & told the Cook that he would do it himself, he went then from the Cookroom, and coming by Mr. Dockwra's Window he Saw him Sitting there & Docter Threipland at the same time Siting at his great Scrutore playing on the German flute, he ask'd the Docter to play a minuet that he had often heard him play, the Doctr. told him he could not play it without his book at which time his boy came to him, so he order'd him to lay his little Table at the Square door, & went home himself & pul'd off his Coat, & gave it the boy & his Cane, he went from thence into the Cookroom in order to dress his own Supper & when it was done he return'd to the Square door & order'd his boy to bring his Supper, being then past eight a Clock, when the Supper was put upon the Table, presently after the Gunner passing by he asked him if he would eat. the Gunner answer'd no, so soon as Mr. Vezian eat his Supper, he call'd for a pipe

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of Tobacco, after he had Smoak'd it he call'd for his Servants to undress him and sent them home, and so went into his room, and so to Sleep, it was then about half an hour after eight a Clock, & that he did not use, till near Seven the next morning when he met with Ensign Brewster on the Parade at which Serj^{t}. Karr came to M^{r}. Brewster to return the Guard telling him all was well, only that they heard a Shreiking noise in the night, & that they had Search'd every where but could find nothing, M^{r}. Vezian made answer that he Supposed Packer had got a Whore, & that he was too big for her, & made her Squall out, after that he bid his boy boil him Some milk for Breakfast as usual, while that was getting ready he continued walking with M^{r}. Brewster, at which time M^{r}. Sanders joyn'd them, and asked M^{r}. Brewster to go with him and drink Tea, the Clock had then Struck eight, then M^{r}. Vezian went from them to do his [busi]ness in the Accomptants Office & went to M^{r}. Packer's door, [&] endeavour'd to open it but found it lock'd he asked M^{r}. Packer's Servants where their Master was who told him he was A Sleep, then he knock'd at his door, and call'd out Packer; but no body answer'd, he then went to M^{r}. Grahams room where M^{r}. Dockwra was Sitting down with M^{r}. Graham, & he Set with them about ten or twelve minut's, then he got up, and said he would go and Awake, Packer; for that he should lose all the morning by his Sleeping, he went out and knock'd again at M^{r}. Packers door, and return'd to M^{r}. Grahams room M^{r}. Dockwra told him that he likewise had knock'd [at] M^{r}. Packer's door and could not Awake him, and [as] he Sleeps very Sound, then M^{r}. Vezian went again to M^{r}. Packer's door, and bid one of the Servants awake his Master; and as he was coming out of M^{r}. Graham's room, he said he would go round to M^{r}. Packers window, & awake him accordingly he went to the window & saw the rattan Sash open about four inches & Saw M^{r}. Packer's Cot, and Scrutore open upon the Cott. and the Papers in disorder, and as he thought his Sword drawn, he went Again to M^{r}. Graham's room, and Related what he had Seen; & wished that M^{r}. Packer had not laid violent hands upon himself M^{r}. Graham told M^{r}. Vezian that he made a noise about nothing and Said he might be A Sleep on his Couch in the outer room, then M^{r}. Vezian knock'd at another door of M^{r}. Packers that came into M^{r}. Graham's room, & then he went out again to one of M^{r}. Packers Servants & bid him Awake his Master, the Servant laugh'd, upon w^{ch}. he gave him a Slap on his face Saying you dog what do you laugh at, this he Says the Centry can Witness from thence M^{r}. Vezian went to the Gunners room and told him the Same as he told M^{r}. Graham, M^{r}. Sanders the Gunner made Answer that he Supposed Packer had been killing a Rat, and that might have been the o[cca]ion of the Sword's lying upon the Cot, & likewise the noise the Serj^{t}. heard in the night, M^{r}. Vezian Stay'd about five minutes there M^{r}. Brewster was then likewise wth. the Gunner, who said come let us go See what's the matter for it Seems the old Gentleman Sleeps very long, by this time the People in the Fort were Alarm'd and ran towards M^{r}. Packer's window, M^{r}. Graham & M^{r}. Dockwra went in and the Gunner followed them, the Docter being call'd for came running without his Cap and Wigg. and went in at the door, & M^{r}. Vezian follow'd him, who then saw Packer in the Corner of the room lyeing with his throat Cut.

M^{r}. Peter Vezian was ask'd whether this was all that he knew he answer'd yes. then he was ask'd whether he should have told Ensign Ross, that he was afraid to look on Peddu for fear Peddu should impeach him.

M^{r}. Peter Vezian answer'd that he did not Say so. but he confesses that he told M^{r}. Ross that Peddu look'd so impudent at his first Confession that he was afraid Peddu would Cast an Eye about & impeach him.

M^{r}. Vezian was order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD debated & Agreed that M^{r}. Vezian should be sent to Prison from whence he came, & Irons put on his hands & Legs.

[Mr.] Vezian return'd to Prison, & Irons are to be put on his hands & Leggs.

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Mr. Graham Say's that Mr. Dockwra was in his room when Mr. Vezian came in, they were drinking of Tea together the first time Mr. Vezian came in, he said that Packer was a Sleep, & had the key of the Office, and he could not go to write for want of it, afterwards Mr. Vezian came again & only Said that he had looked in at the window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings & Saw his Scrutore broke open & his Papers thrown upon the Cot but that he did not See Packer to which Mr. Graham reply'd that Mr. Packer might be lyeing upon his Couch in the outer room, & bid Mr. Vezian not make a noise on the door to disturb him.

Sundry Persons Examin'd.

Order'd that the following Persons be Sent for before the Board & Examined into the particulars of what Mr. Peter Vezian had Said.

Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief.

Martin Rodrigueze Drummer at Chemundm.

The Cooke's belonging to the Cookrooms in the Fort.

Mr. Threipland the Docter.

Ensign Brewster.

Mr. Dockwra.

The Centry at Mr. Packers [do]or from 7 to 9 a Clock in the morning.

Mr, Wilhelm.

Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief Says that Mr. Vezian was with him in the Chellinga till about half an hour after Six, but he does not remember what day it was neither does he remember that Mr. Vezian told him that he was going to the Portugueze Church, but that Mr. Wilhelm observed that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on then & no Hatt or Wigg.

Mr. Wilhelm dismiss'd.

Martin Rodrigues Drumr. of Chemundm.

Martin Rodrigues Drummer at Chemundlam Guard Says that he Saw Mr. Vezian at the Portugueze Church on monday night near Seven a clock, Mr. Vezian ask'd him what business he had there, & how long it would be before the Church will be done. Martin Rodrigues Answer'd that it would be eight a Clock before the Church Ceremony would be over, & Mr. Vezian went away presently, Martin Rodrigues observ'd Mr. Vezian had a Cap on then, & no Hatt or Wigg.

Martin Rodrigues dismis'd.

The Cooks examin'd.

Irsha Cook belonging to the Cookroom in the Fort Says that Mr. Vezian was not on monday the night before the murder of Mr. Packer, in the Cookroom, but Moodu Kistnah Mr. Vezian's Servant came there that night before eight a clock & Carried away Mr. Vezian's Supper.

Irsha the Cook Dismised.

Cooley Cook belonging to the Cookroom in the Fort Says that Mr. Vezian was not in the Cookroom on monday night before Mr. Packer was mur[der'd] but that Moodu Kistnah his Servant came & Ca[rri]ed away his Supper.

Cooley the Cook Dismised.

Mr. Threipland the Surgeon examin'd.

Mr. Threipland Docter Says that Mr. Vezian was at his Window at about Seven a clock monday night before the murder of Mr. Packer & that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on his head, but do not remember what Mr. Vezian Said to him, except twice to play on the flute.

Mr. Threipland Docter Dismised.

Ensign Brewster Examin'd.

Benjamin Brewster Ensign was by as an officer that Guarded Mr. Vezian heard all that he Said, & who deny's all & everything except that Mr. Vezian beleived that Packer had a Whore last night, Mr. Brewster also Say's that he Saw Mr. Vezian walking upon the Parade a little after Six a Clock on tuesday morning, wch. he was then Surprized at it, as not Seeing him before up so soon of a morning about two hours after Mr. Packer was found murder'd in his Room.

Benjamin Brewster dismissed.

Mr. Dockwra Says that he did knock once at Mr. Packer's door the tuesday morning before it was known that Mr. Packer was murder'd.

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Mr. Dockwra Dismiss'd. Mr. Dock wray examin'd.

The Centry Moses Young from Seven to nine a Clock on Tuesday morning at Mr. Packer's door before Mr. Packer was found to be murder'd Say's that Mr. Vezian came Several times and knock'd at Mr. Packer's door & call'd out to Mr. Packer a matter of half a Dozen times, & bid the boy wake his Master, the boy laugh'd then Mr. Vezian gave him a Slap of the face the boy made answer that he would tell his Master so soon as he got up, the Centry Say's that he Saw Mr. Vezian so very buisy in running backwards & forwards, that he gave Mr. Packer's Servant the key of the Small door between the Banisters & the house, the boy went to the window, & return'd back crying, & went into Mr. Graham's room. Moses Young examin'd.

The Centry Moses Young Dismiss'd.

Moodu Kistnah Servant to Mr. Vezian is Sent for [before] the Board & ask'd whether Mr. Vezian was in the Cookroom the night before Mr. Packer was murder'd, he answer'd that he could not tell, but that Mr. Vezian his Master was Sitting down at the Table by the Square, & Moodu Kistnah was sent by him to the Cookroom to bring his Supper. Moodu Kistnah again Examin'd.

Order'd that each of the aforemention'd People be Sworn next Consultation day to what they have said. All the foregoing Persons to be Sworn.

Capt. Wilson's Deposition is enter'd after this Consultation.

Mr. Whitlock's Deposition is [enter'd] after this Consultation. Sundry Depositions Deliverd in.

Francis Veath, a French man [cen]try at the Gunroom from five to Seven a clock the morning Mr. Packer was murder'd, his Deposition is Enter'd after this Consultation.

Laurence Vanderloven Cooper & Officer in the Gunroom his Deposition is enter'd after this Consultation.

Peddu is again Sent for before the Board, & ask'd to relate over again the manner he had met with Mr. Vezian the other side of the bridge which he did in the same manner as he had done before, he was ask'd again whether he could remember anything farther, Peddu answer'd no, the Board, asked him Several times over, whether he could remember any thing else, still he answer'd no. he was then ask'd whether Mr. Vezian had on his Hatt & Wigg Peddu answer'd yes. then Peddu was told, that there was a Wittness that Mr. Vezian was Seen that night at the Portugueze Church at near Seven a Clock & likewise that there were Sufficient Witnesses that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on his Head instead of a Hatt & Wigg that night, Peddu answer'd no, that Mr. Vezian did not go that night to the Portugueze Chruch neither had he a Cap on, but a Hatt and Wigg. Peddu again sent for before the Board & Examin'd.

Order'd that Peddu be Carried again to Prison from whence he came. Peddu return'd to Prison.

And the Board broke up.

Mr. Burton again [sat] for the Council & Called them up who had all but [ju]st gone down Stairs & told them that Peddu had sent a Message to him by the Officer of the Guard that he wan[ted] to Speak wth. him.

Order'd that Peddu be Sent for before the Board, & was ask'd what he had to Say, farther. Peddu made answer that he now remember'd very well that Mr. Vezian did just call in at the Portugueze Church at the South Gate in his way when Peddu, & he was walking round the Colloway & that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on, & no Hatt or Wigg, Peddu was ask'd whether he had any thing farther to Say, he Answer'd no. Peddu sends a Message to the Chief; desires leave to Speak before the Council, of Something that he had Recollected about Vezian.

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ORDER'D that Peddu be Carried beak to Prison from whence he came, & the Examination be referr'd to another time.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JN^{O}. GRAHAM.

Mr. Johnson's Deposition.

I don't remember to have heard M^{r}. Vezian Say any thing in particular relating to the murder of M^{r}. John Packer, but that he was the first that found it out, wanting the key of the Office, & wondering that M^{r}. Packer slept so long, & have observed him alway's in whatever Company I have met with him, to be perpetually talking of it and when other's have endeavour'd to divert the Discourse he has always run into it Again; w^{ch}. I have often took notice of to h[ims]elf and others.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID. WILLIAM JOHNSON.
Y^{E}. 9TH. OCT^{R}. 1727.

Mr. Dockwra's Deposition.

On Tuesday the 26th. ultimo coming from M^{r}. Burton's between Seven & eight in the morning I went into the Fort house to M^{r}. Graham's room & whilst I was Sitting there M^{r}. Vezian came in & after some Discourse Said. I believe Packer was foul of Some of M^{r}. Croke's Slave wenches last night for the Serjeant has acquainted Ben: Brewster that there was a Squeeking heard in his room last night—this was about a quarter of an hour before the murder was found out.

After Peddu was taken [...] along with Ensign Brewster, & M^{r}. Vezian he [...] that when Peddu was hang'd he was resolv'd to put on his Broad Wastcoat on purpose to See him Executed this was heard by M^{r}. Brewster as well as my Self.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID. RICH^{D}. DOCKWRA.
Y^{E}. 11TH. OCT^{R}. 1727.

Ensign Ross's Deposition.

That M^{r}. Vezian was at Trepopilore on thursday last, when we had the news of Peddu's being brought in I exprest a desire I had to See him on w^{ch}. M^{r}. Vezian Said he did not care to See him for fear he should bring him in. & that he would not go near him.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID. NATH^{LL}. ROSS.
Y^{E}. 11TH. OCT^{R}. 1727.

The Surgeons. report of the bloody Cloaths.

By order of M^{r}. Aug^{s}. Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief, I examined Some Linnen of M^{r}. Vezian's & found the back part of a Shirt & a pair of Drawers Stained with a bloody Slime which I beleive is the Effect of a Distemper he has for Sometime Complained off.

GEO: THREIPLAND.

Ensign Brewster's Deposition.

What I have observed in M^{r}. Vezians behaviour Since M^{r}. Packers murder he has been very inquisitive, concerning Peddu frequently moveing a Discourse about him, I reply'd to him, I would give fifty Pounds that he was taken he answer'd, Suppose he was, & should swear against you I answered, Il'e venture that provided he was taken at which the Discourse droped.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID BENJ^{N}. BREWSTER.
Y^{E}. 11TH. OCT^{R}. 1727.

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To Mr. Aug. Burton
Chief &c^a. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

This is to inform you that on tuesday Septr. the 26th. being drinking Tea at my Lodgings in the Fort wth. Ensign Brewster about 8 a clock in the morning Mr. Vezian and told us that he had been knocking at Mr. Packer's door two or three times, and could not make him hear, and that he had look't in at his back window, & Saw his Sword lay upon his Cott, I made Answer that he might have been killing a Rat in the night, Mr. Vezian answer'd that he was afraid there was Something the matter more than Ordinary, I hearing that run directly to the back window, [&] jump't in and Saw the Corp's of Mr. John Packer lay upon his back with his head upon a Pillow wch. posture I beleive he had been lay'd in after he had received his death. by this time the door was opened, and I met Mr. Vezian in the middle of the outward room where he made a Stand and gave a look towards the place, where the Corp's lay, and told me he could not bear the Sight of it, and turned about and went out of the room. Gunner's Sander's Deposition.

Fort St. David. Geoge. Sanders.
Ye. 11th. Octr. 1727.

The Day after Peddu was brought in Prisoner, Mr. Vezian as I was dressing came into my Chamber and told me that the Murderer was Secure in Prison, I answer'd that's no news to me for I heard last night his Confession at Mr. Burton's house & know the Particulars, what occur'd to my memory I then told him Soon after he left me, but in a little time Return'd and Said the fellow, Sure has the impudence of Hell to Confess the most minute Circumstances, as his putting on Mr. Packer's Slippers and walking up and down in the Chamber, thereby to impose upon the Guard, by makeing them beleive that it was Mr. Packer himself I told him that Peddu Said nothing Such, and Desired him to give me his Author It was the black People's New's he said or that his Servants had misinform'd him. Mr. Threipelands Deposition.

They Say Say's he to me at another time that Peddu had the impudence to look in at the Window in the morning, before he left the Fort to See if Mr. Packer was dead. I made Answer: Cetoit une Action barbare, I'en hais le Souvenir n'en parlow plus.

George Threipland.

After Peddu's Examination Mr. Vezian [came] into my Room & casually Speaking of the fellow's behaviour [to the] Board Said I am glad the fellow did not cast an Eye my [...] misunderstood his meaning and answer'd him, that every [bod]y thought, and knew his money to be no temptation.

One day Mr. Vezian came into my Chamber and taking up one of my Pistols, asked me if it was Charged, I told him no, and desired him to lay it down, notwithstanding he endeavour'd to bend it and cut his thumb or finger with the flint it bledd pretty much. & he whip'd with his handkerchief, but I cannot remember whether that Accident happen'd before the murder of Mr. Packer or Since.

A Frenchman of the Gunroom named Fras. Veath Centry from 5 to 7 a Clock on tuesday morning deposes he Saw at about 5 a Clock Mr. Vezian come to the Gunner's Room wth. long Drawer's & Slippers & his hands behind him under his banyan Coat, he went into the Gunner's Room, came out again presently & went away, & some hours after he heard of the murder of Mr. Packer. Fras. Veaths Depn.

Capt. David Wilson Deposes that when Mr. Burton in Consultation had order'd him to give an Eye on Mr. Vezian that he might not make his Escape that he went to him and talk'd wth. him about different matters & perceived that Mr. Vezian was very inquisitive, & ask'd him more than once whether Peddu was call'd for up in Council again, & what it could be for, Capt. Wilson made answer [Capt.] Wilson's Depn.

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what do you think that Mr. Burton has done examini[ng o]f Peddu & the said Capt. Wilson Saw Mr. Vezian very [busy] in going backwards & forwards, & finding him going out of the Room, & apprehensive of his giveing him the Slip he went to the door to enquire what was become of him & not willing to give Mr. Vezian, or the other Gentlemen who where [*sic*] then present of his being employ'd to watch Mr. Vezian any Suspicion call'd for his boy Harry to Send and find him out & to observe his motions, in the meanwhile he ask'd a Dubash that stood by what was become of Mr. Vezian, the Dubash told him that he was in the Cookroom, Mr. Vezian hearing h[im] call out Harry Harry he immediately came out. & C[apt.] Wilson at the same time asking his Servt. Harry what h[ad y]ou been with Mr. Vezian immediately reply'd Mr. Vezian what are you afraid Sr. that I should run away with your boy Harry.

DAVID WILSON.

Mr. Whitlock's Depn.

Mr. Whitlock Compys. Servt. deposes that he heard at Cuddalore on tuesday morning Mr. John Packer's murder he in Compy. at the Same time wth. Ensign Williams Mr. Whitlock immediately said to Ensign Williams that he Suspected Mr. Vezian did it for he knew that he had no mony & had a vile principle presently after he came into the Fort, & went into the Docter's Lodgings when Mr. Vezian & Dockwra were walking with the Docter. Mr. Vezian came up to the said Mr. Whitlock, & said there was a very sad Accident happen'd, Mr. Whitlock said yes, and look'd at the Same time full in Mr. Vezian's face, & saw his Countenance changed upon it Mr. Whitlock imediately turn'd to Mr. Dockwra & said that Mr. Vezian had alter'd his Countenance, Mr. Whitlock then turn'd to Mr. Vezian & told him that he would not go to See Such a Sight. Mr. Vezian answer'd that he would not have him for it was a very ugly Sight, these were the only words that had pass'd between himself & Mr. Vezian for above this month past, when they had a Quarrell. [1]

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 13TH.

MR. AUGs. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.

MESSRS EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

The Persons that delivered in their depositions all sworn.

The Severall Persons were sent for before the Board and sworn to what they declared in the Consultation of the 9th instant in Answer to what Mr. Peter Vezian said, which are there incerted and every Deposition which are enter'd after that Consultation were duely sworn to.

Martin Rodrigues Drummer of Chemundlum and Francisco Neath [*sic*] Centry at the Gunroom were sworn before the Board by the Portuguez Padre to what the former declared in the Consultation of the ninth instant and the deposition of the other which is entered after that Consultation.

Nothing to be found in the Sink.

The Sink or Channel that Conveys the water out of the Fort was open'd and narrowly Search'd into for the bloody Drawers or Shirt belonging to Mr. Vezian but no such thing was there to be found.

Mr. Vezian examined again.

Mr. Peter Vezian is sent for before the Board and was ask'd whether he was guilty or not of the murder of Mr. Packer Answer'd not guilty.

Severall Questions put to Mr. Vezian.

Mr. Peter Vezian was ask'd what a Clock he was up the Tuesday morning Mr. Packer was found to be murder'd Answer'd between six and seven and not before he was then told that Lawrence Vanderloven Cooper and Officer in the Gunroom and Francisco Neath Centry there had depos'd that they saw him go

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into the Gunners room at five a Clock the Tuesday morning before the murder of Mr. Packer was known with a Banyan Coat, Long Drawers and Slippers, and Francisco Neath likewise deposed that he had his hand behind him under or between his Banyan Coat. Answer'd that he was not up then neither did he go into the Gunner's room at that hour.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he denied to the Board the Seventh instant that he was undress'd the Monday before Mr. Packer was murder'd, and that he never went out of the Fort all that day and night and offer'd to bring his Servants for Witnesses. Answer'd that he was really surprised at his being call'd up and directly charged with the murder of Mr. Packer that he did not remember then of his being dress'd or going out of the Fort.

Mr. Peter Vezian was ask'd the reason [why] he should give out and report that Peddu should put his feet in Mr. Packers shoes or Slippers after he had murder'd him and walk about his room that the Sentry and soldiers should take him for Mr. Packer himself. Answer'd that he had heard his Servant Moodu & Mr. Johnsons servant say so they were then together with great many of the soldiers talking about it, and that Mr. Brewster was by him at the same time they told him.

Mr. Brewster call'd up.

Mr. Brewster was sent for in the presence of Mr. Vezian and ask'd whether he heard anybody tell Mr. Vezian that Peddu should put on Mr. Packers shoes or slippers and walk about Mr. Packers room after he was murder'd. Mr. Brewster denys that he ever heard anybody tell Mr. Vezian anything of it but that he did see Mr. Vezian standing in the Fort with great many soldiers & Servants talking together.

Moodu and Ranga examined.

Moodu, servant to Mr. Peter Vezian, & Ranga, servant to Mr. Johnson, were both sent for before the Board & ask'd whether they had told Mr. Vezian that Peddu should put Mr. Packers shoes or slippers on after he had murder'd him, the former Answer'd that he never did tell Mr. Vezian any such thing, but the latter Confesses that he did tell him so at the same time they were all standing together in the Fort among some soldiers who were talking about it. Moodu & Ranga are dismissd.

Mr. Vezian acquaints the Board how his handkerchief came bloody.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd the occasion of the bloody handkerchief being found in his room a day after the murder of Mr. Packer. Answer'd that he was in the Doctors room Snaping a Pistol and the flint cut his fingers which he wiped upon that handkerchief.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd the reason of his sending for the two Peons that Seized on Peddu the very next morning after he was brought in. Answer'd he was very glad to hear that Peddu was taken & wanted to ask the Peon some questions about the manner of their taking him.

Some more questions put to Vezian.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should tell Mr. Ross that he did not care to see Peddu for fear he should bring him in. Answer'd that he never did tell Mr. Ross any such thing, but he would tell the Board what discourse he had with Mr. Ross the night Peddu was taken. That Mr. Ross should say to him to Morrow morning he intended to go to the Fort & pay his Salem to Peddu Mr. Vezian Answer'd take care Ross for he is a Damn fellow and he may bring you in with him. Ross reply'd that he could bring twenty men to prove that he laid upon the Guard the night Mr. Packer was murder'd and tis more likely he will accuse you Vezian because you are a poor dog. Mr. Vezian then made answer that Packer had no money for he saw him pay away the last two Pagodas he had.

ORDER'D that Mr. Ross be sent for the next Consultation day and to be examin'd upon what Mr. Vezian said.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should say that he would put on a brocado Wastcoat the day that Peddu was hang'd. Answer'd that he did say he would put on his best Coat & Brocado Wastcoat for Joy that such a Villan as Peddu was taken and executed.

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Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should say and where he could have had the knowledge of Peddu looking in at the window in the morning before he left the Fort to see if Mr. Packer was dead. Answer'd that his Servant told him so.

Moodu Kistnah and Grua, Servants to Mr. Peter Vezian, who were sent for separately and ask'd whether they had told their Master that Peddu should look in at the window before he went out of the Fort to see if Mr. Packer was dead, they both answer'd that they never did tell their Master any such thing.

Mr. Vezian return'd to prison.

ORDER'D that Mr. Vezian be carried back to prison from whence he came and a farther Examination be referr'd until the next Consultation.

The Sentry over Mr. Vezian examined.

Mr. Burton acquaints the Board that he had notice of Henry Greir, Sentry, yesterday over Mr. Vezian was seen to talk with him through the window.

ORDER'D that Henry Grier be sent for before the Board. Henry Grier tells the Board the discourse he had with Mr. Vezian which is taken from him sworn and enter'd after this Consultation.

Vezian's servants again examined.

Moodu Kistnah & Grua, Servants to Mr. Vezian, their depositions of their Master sending for the Peons who had brought in Peddu are enter'd after this Consultation.

Genll. Letter from Madrass.

A Generall Letter from the Hon^ble^. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the ninth Instant just now received, and read ordering to send up the murderer of Mr. Packer with a strong and trusty Guard of Peons & the Peons that took him with the Serjeant and Sentry of the main Guard the morning the murder was Committed.

Peddu sent up with a good Guard.

ORDER'D that Peddu be forthwith sent away overland with Ramaniah the Corporal Peon & ten trusty Peons, and Merabboy and Hemonboy the Peons that took him, likewise Serjeant W^m^. Karr & Henry Grier who were on the main Guard the murder was committed and Peddu went out of the Fort.

Papers & Consultations upon the impeachment of Vezian to be sent up.

ORDER'D that all the Consultations & Depositions to this day be got ready upon the Impeachment of Mr. Peter Vezian being accessary with Peddu to the murder of Mr. John Packer with a general Letter and sent to Fort St. George with a list of the Packet which is enter'd after this Consultation.

Peddu is sent for before the Board and ask'd to tell what he farther knew of Mr. Packer's murder. Answer'd that what he had told before was all true and there was nothing more for him to tell.

ORDER'D that the Peons aforemention'd take charge of him and carry him to Fort St. George with all Expedition possible.

AUG^S^. BURTON.
EDW^D^. CROKE.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^D^. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

13 Peddu, Wm. Karr & Henry Grier sat out for Madrass.

Henry Grier's deposition.

Henry Grier Sentry over Mr. Vezian deposes so soon as he had put a Ball in his piece Mr. Vezian said to him Grier where have you been all this while for I have not seen you these two or three days. Grier answer'd that there was a man who was sick in the Governours Guard and had liberty to go home and he was put in his room till that man was able to return to his Duty. Mr. Vezian

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ask'd him whether he had heard any news about him. Grier answer'd that he had heard none, but what was the Common discourse and in the Mouth of everybody that he was guilty of murder. Mr. Vezian then clap'd his hands together and said, God and his own Conscience knew that he was innocent. Grier made Answer, God knows that best, then Mr. Vezian said that he had Confounded the dog who said that he saw him upon the bridge at Six a clock and that he had brought the Dutch Chief to witness that he was with him in the boat at half an hour after six, and likewise that he had brought the Drummer of Chemundlum to say that he was at the Portuguez Church between six and seven a clock then Mr. Vezian said that he had heard that they had found some things. Grier Answer'd that he could not tell but he heard there was a bloody handkerchief found. Mr. Vezian answer'd oh Lord that was in trying somebody's Pistol and the flint cut his fingers and took a handkerchief out and wiped it. Mr. Vezian then ask'd for what was the Tom Tom beaten. Grier Answer'd that he could not tell then. Mr. Vezian said that he had heard it was to give two Pagodas for any body that shall find any bloody things, again Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he had heard when he was to be sent up. Grier said, faith Sir you asks me such questions that I cannot resolve you, then Mr. Vezian said that he had heard he was to be sent up this week and he wanted to know whether it would be by sea or land, and he supposed that a Guard of Peons would be sent with him. No Sir, reply'd Grier, they will take more care of you and send you up with a Guard of white men, then Mr. Vezian took up a book and read and said that there was a Charter to Bombay, Fort St. George and Fort William for executing Criminals said Grier Listen'd at the window and heard Mr. Vezian say that if he dies he shall die with a clear Conscience and rather die here than go home to his friends and die there and it would be a disgrace to him, then he said to Grier that the Governour & Council sent for the boy and promised him his life if would impeach anybody, that Mr. Burton who is the Governour now had pitch'd upon him. Grier Answer'd he could not tell that, but a guilty Conscience needs no accuser and such a Crime as murder ought to be examined into, for if it had been his own father he would hang him for such a Crime. Mr. Vezian then ask'd him whether he thought that he was guilty. Grier answer'd that he thought he was guilty by the Circumstances he heard & that his own words Condemn'd him before the Board, then Mr. Vezian answer'd that if he went up to Madrass he doubted not but to Confound them all in his Tryall, then he again said that he wonder'd what Cockhouse they would put him in. Grier made Answer indeed Sir I dont know what Cockhouse they will put you in. Mr. Vezian then said that he supposed they would put him in the same cockhouse with Seal. Grier said since he had suspected all this he wonder'd that he did not prepare himself for Death. Mr. Vezian then Answer'd and clap'd his hands up & said God and his Conscience knows that he was Innocent, then they both talk'd of Several things concerning Mr. Vezians friends in England, and the manner of his Coming out and then Mr. Vezian said what does the Gentleman think that if he had been guilty of this murder that he had not made the best of his way to Pondicherry. These last words Mr. Vezian repeated over several times. Then Grier said to him that he heard that he and Mr. Packer had a great falling out not long before this murder happen'd, he Clap'd his hands together and answer'd that he was as good friends with him as ever he was in his life and that he sup'd or dined with him (Grier says that he cannot justly tell which of them) the Sunday before and Mr. Harris with him, and that he saw him pay away the last money he had, which was two Pag^{s}., this was to shew that the Gentlemen should not think that it was for Leucre of mony, he said that he had seen Mr. Graham's mony and that he could have taken what he pleased of it if he had been that way given, and Grier said that the last words he had with Mr. Vezian that by God it was a Damn bold attempt being in a Garrison where there are several men Sentrys and rounds going every hour.

Moodu Kistnah's deposition.

Moodu Kistnah, servant to Mr. Vezian, deposes that on Tuesday morning, the morning after Peddu was brought in, his master ask'd him whether they had brought Peddu or whether he knew anything of it and who was the Peon that took

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him at the same time the Peon that brought him was standing by the Fort house and his master was then in the Square just by the window of Mr. Johnsons lodgings and sent his other servant Grua to call that Peon to him, and Grua accordingly went & call'd that Peon, who made answer that he could not come without the Governour's order.

Grua's deposition.

Grua, Mr. Vezian's servant, deposes that Mr. Vezian was in the Square and order'd him to go and call the Peon that brought Peddu, the Corporal peon Paupa was then by that Peon, who made answer that he cannot go without the Governour's order, Grua went back again, & told the other servant Moodu Kistnah what Paupa the Corporal Peon had said, and Moodu Kistnah told it to his Master.

SUNDAY 15.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVISIONAL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBERT BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genll Letter from Madras read orders Mr. Vezian up.

A General Letter from the Hon^ble^. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 12th Instant read acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 9th instant with an account of Confining Mr. Vezian on suspicion of his being accessory with Peddu in the murder of Mr. John Packer, pressing us to use our utmost endeavours to gett at the particulars of this affair, and every person to be duely examin'd and upon strong evidence Mr. Vezian to be sent up with a strong Guard and the material Evidences against him.

Mr. Vezian sent up with a strong Guard.

ORDER'D That Mr. Peter Vezian be immediately sent up with a Guard of a Serjeant two Corporals four Europe Centinels eight trusty Topasses with a Corporal Peon & six Peons & a Generall Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George to advise them of it, the material Evidences against him be referr'd to them who can better judge by the Consultations & depositions on this examination sent them yesterday.

this days date read and sign'd.

General Letter to Madras.

A General Letter to the Hon^ble^. President & Council of Fort St. George of

AUG^S^. BURTON.
EDW^D^. CROKE.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN
RICH^D^. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

15 Mr. Vezian sat out for Mad^s^. with a strong Guard.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

THURSDAY 19TH.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 99. 14. 32. — Cuddalore Land Custrs. Accot. for Septr. read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that accot. for last month the ballance due from him is Pags. 56. 8. 2. — Storekeeprs. accot. for Septr.

ORDER'D that Pags. 50 be advanc'd Richard Gilman Storekeeper for provision of stores. — Storekeepr. advanced 50 pagodas.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Accot. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pags. 125. 4. 14. — Tevenapn. Sea & Land Custrs. accot. for Sept.

Ensign Ross was sent for and Mr. Vezian's answer to his deposition read to him, he says that something like that discourse pass'd between Mr. Vezian and him the night that Peddu was known to be taken, besides what Mr. Vezian deny'd inserted in his deposition of the 9th he affirms to be true, & what farther discourses he had with Mr. Vezian at other times since the murder of Mr. Packer he now gives in writing which is enter'd after this Consultation. — Ensign Ross declares what has past between Vezian & he.

The Accomptant delivers in the Copy of the Generall Books for last year. — Generall Books delivered in.

AUGS. BURTON.
EDWD. CROKE.
ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE.
RICHD. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

When at Mr. Johnson's rooms in Company with Messrs. Baker & Vezian we were talking of the murder of Mr. Packer I said I could not believe but some white man was Concern'd in it. Mr. Vezian ask'd me, who I could suspect, I answer'd no one sooner than himself, he reply'd why him. I gave him my reason telling him of his runing himself in Debt to black people when he knew he could not pay them & that he was very poor & I beleived he would stick at nothing to get mony, he laughed at me & alter'd the discourse to his Father's employ in England. — Ensign Ross' Deposition.

NATHLL. ROSS.

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Present

MR. AUGS. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWD. CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE.
RICHD. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

FRIDAY 20TH.

A General Letter from the Honble. President & Council of Fort St. George read incloseing Invoice & bill of Lading for stores sent on the Ramma which is accordingly arrived & advising of sending ten thousand Pagodas overland this day And — Genll. Letter from Madras adviseing 10,000 pags. & incloses invoice of the Ramah.

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Meteriall Evidences ordered up.

Ordering up Mr. Vezian's two servants and to send the knife & sword with the material Evidences against him & what farther knowledge of this affair & Seeming strange to them that Mr. Vezian & Peddu should walk together round the Colloway by the waterside go to the Portuguez church and into the Fort without being seen by any & yet Peddu to give so large an account of the others actions.

It appears to the Board that Peddu may walk with Mr. Vezian on the close of the evening from the Fort bridge and round the Colloway & Mr. Vezian go to the Portugueze church while Peddu stood at a little distance from him, as he had related, without his being known & into the Fort without any notice of the Guard, or the Gentlemen's servants within.

The main Gateway of the Fort has a turning with it which occasions the lamp within it to give but little light either without or within the Fort, therefore the Centry cannot distinguish one Dubash from another, nor is there a sufficient light in the Fort from any of the Lodgings to make a Discovery, also very few people are known to walk round the Colloway in the night.

ORDER'D that three Peons be sent now with Mr. Vezian's two Servants & the two Cooks Irsha & Cooly as Evidences against him, likewise Mr. Packers sword, the knife he was murder'd with Cane Gold head bruised & bath metal buckle found upon Peddu by the two Peons that took him. To Morrow if the weather proves fair to send up Ensign Ross & Moses Young, Centry at Mr. Packer's door from seven to nine the morning he was found Murder'd, and Lawrence Vanderloven & Fran^{s}. Veath Officer & Centry in the Gunroom from 5 to 7 the same Morning who saw Mr. Vezian go into the Gunners Lodgings Mr. Vezian denying it.

Rama Chandra examined.

Ramma Chandra, whom Peddu says he saw, was sent for before the Board & ask'd whether he had seen Mr. Vezian & Peddu pass by the Colloway or from the Portugueze Church to the Fort the night before Mr. Packer was found murder'd. Answer'd that he does not remember to have seen either of them.

Generall Letter to Madrass.

ORDER'D that a Generall Letter be sent to the President & Council of Fort St. George to advise them of the aforementioned.

AUG^{S}. BURTON.
EDW^{D}. CROKE.
ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

20 Sloop Ramah from Madrass.

21 Ensign Ross, Vanderloven & Fra. Veath & Mr. Vezian's Servants & two books sent for Madrass.

25 Moses Young also sat out for Madrass.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 30TH.

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVISIONAL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDW^{D}. CROKE. ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Cuddalore Land Cust. ballance for Sept.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^{s}. 99. 14. 32. being the ballance of that Acco^{t}. for last month.

Arrack Farmers rent paid.

Poncalah Kistnah Arrack Renter payd Mr. Burton the 22d. Instant Pag^{s}. 300 his Quarters Rent ending the 8th of Sept^{r}.

— *OCTOBER 1727* —

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pays Pag^{s}. 100. 14. 14. in part of his last months ballance. Tevenapn. balance paid in part.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 146. 24. 12. which he now pays. Cuddalore Sea Cust. accot. for Sept. read & part of ballance paid.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pagodas 126. 34. 10.

Advanced Augustus Burton & Robert Berriman Paymaster 1300 pagodas to defray Charges Garrison. Paymasters accot. for Sept. read. Advanced Paymaster 1300 pag^{s}.

Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Farmers of the Weighing & Measuring Duties pays Pagodas 45 for a Quarters Rent due the last of September. Weighing & Measuring Duties a Quarters rent paid.

Aug^{s}. Burton.
Edward Croke.
Robert Berriman.
Robert Brooke.
Richard Gilman.
John Graham.

At a Consultation

Present

Mr. Aug^{s}. Burton Provisionall Chief. Thursday 9th.
Messrs. Edw^{d}. Croke. Rob^{t}. Berriman.
Rob^{t}. Brooke.
Rich^{d}. Gilman. John Graham.

A Generall Letter from Mr. Sec^{ry}. Torriano by Order of the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George to send thither the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard who Mr. Vezian said to have seen at the Portugueze Church with all expedition that he may arrive there by Satturday morning when comes on his tryall. Geneal Letter from Secry. Torriano.

Order'd that the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard be forthwith sent away and a General Letter to advise the Hon^{ble}. President & Council thereof read & sign'd. Drummer sent up.

Augustus Burton Provisionall Chief reads the Cash Acco^{t}. for last month, the ballance remaining is Pag^{s}. 13392. 19. 60. Cash Accot. for Octr. read.

Augustus Burton Warehousekeeper reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pag^{s}. 439. —. 60. of which he pays in part Pag^{s}. 400. Warehouse keepers Accot. for Oct. read.

Edw^{d}. Croke Accomptant reads the Journall Parcells to ultimo September last. Journall Parcells read.

Advanced Richard Gilman Storekeeper Pag^{s}. 50 for to defray Gunroom & Armory expence. Storekr. Pags. 50.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 138. 31. 68. which is now paid. Cuddalore Land Cust. ballance paid.

— *NOVEMBER 1727* —

Storekrs. accot. for last mo. read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that Accot. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from is Pags. 88. 27. 68.

Tevenapatam Sea & Land Custom. Accot. for Octr. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Accot. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pags. 49. 16. 10.

Edward Crokes salary paid.

ORDER'D that Edward Croke be paid Pags. 9. 31. 40. his sallary from the time he left Fort St. George, being the 16th of August to the 29th Septr. last, makes 1 mo. 13 days at £40 per annum, he reports that the Accomptant there omitted to pay the same.

List of the Gardens in those bounds delivered in.

Messrs. Gilman & Graham deliver in their Report and a List of all the Gardens in the Honourable Companys Limits, conformable to an Order of Consultation of the 3d of August last, which are enter'd after this Consultation. Severall of them Surreptiously Possess'd by some of the Inhabitants.

To be delivered up to the Renters except they pay something annually.

ORDER'D that such of the Inhabitants do pay annually the proper rents for the Grounds they have thus taken from the Renters or deliver it up to them, & all Gardens that are not Register'd the Secretary do see it done with the dimensions thereof.

All Grounds that lye fallow to be delivered the Renters to be cultivated.

It is also AGREED that such Grounds & Gardens that lye fallow under the name of Charity & Flower Gardens be Surrender'd up to the Renters, except such as are appropriated for the use of their Pagodas.

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

15 The Deputy Govr. with Messrs. Holland & Tullie from Madrass.

TO MR. AUGS. BURTON
PROVLL. CHIEF &C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID

SIRS,

Pursuant to an Order of Consultation of the 3d of August we have taken an Accot. and viewed all the Gardens surreptiously Possess'd of which we now deliver you in a List, by which you will perceive that the greatest part of them are surrendered up, most of the Pretended Owners chusing rather to do that than to pay a small acknowledgment to the present Renters, there are a few of them that have consented to pay something annually for their Gardens as valued by the Renters, which you will also please to take notice of. We have acquainted the Renters of it and have put them in possession of those Lands which are delivered up, & which have been hitherto very unjustly kept from them.

We have annexed to the List now delivered in Accot. of the Gardens belonging to the English as deliver'd us by the Renters, and we do propose that those persons that have no Grants shall be oblig'd to register their Garden & to incert the number of feet from N. to S. and from E. to W. contain'd in everyones respective Ground, as the surest means to prevent any complaints that may happen in future of the like nature.

— *NOVEMBER 1727* —

We have also made mention at the back of the aforemention'd List of severall Gardens and Grounds which goes under the name of Charity & Flower Gardens, but as there are a great many of those Gardens that are not made use of, & the Ground lying fallow we shall by your leave acquaint the renters they may cultivate such of them as are not appropriated to the use of their Pagodas, & sow Grain thereon according as the nature of the soil will allow of, which will also bring in a small revenue to the Renters.

Thus having settled this Affair with a great deal of pains and trouble to the Sattisfaction of all Parties, we now present it for the Board's Approbation, & Subscribe ourselves

Your most Humble & Obed^{t}. Servants

RICH^{D}. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

FORT ST. DAVID
9TH NOV^{R}. 1727.

THURSDAY 16TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOV^{R}.
MESSRS. EDW^{D}. CROKE. ROB^{T}. BERRIMAN.
ROB^{T}. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{D}. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genll. Letter from Madras with copy of the Cos. Paras,

A Gen^{ll}. Letter adviseing of ten thousand Pagodas from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George which came by the Deputy Gov^{r}. was now read, with copys of such Paras. of the Letters receiv'd from Europe relating to this Settlement.

The New Charter.

They advise us of a new Charter granted by His Majesty appointing the President & five Senior Council of Madras to be Justices of the Peace, our Deputy Gov^{r}. is to act in that capacity at this Settlement & no one else, but as that will involve him in a vast deal of trouble, they do empower him to appoint such persons at this place as he shall think proper, who are to hear & report to him any breaches of the Peace and other enormitties therein, he is also to decide all Civil Causes, in which likewise he may if he pleases Chuse Assistants who are to act in the same manner as is before directed in Criminal Cases but no otherwise, but in any flagrant Crimes they order the offender to be sent up in order to proceed to tryall in the solemnest manner, of which we are to give notice in all Public Places that if any of the Inhabitants think themselves aggrieved by any Judgment in Civill Cases they may apply themselves to the Mayor's Court.

No. 3 ordry. Long Cloth allowed to be taken in.

As they have found the fabrick of the Cloth here much improv'd they give us leave to take in a number three of the Ordinary Long Cloth.

Pags. 10,000 paid into Cash.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. pays into Cash the ten thousand Pag^{s}. he brought from Madrass, which is order'd to be enter'd accordingly.

— *NOVEMBER 1727* —

Persons appointed to assist the Dep. Gov. to be Justices of the persons.

He now thinks fitt to appoint the undermentioned Gentlemen who are to act for him as Justices, & directs when any Persons shall be committed to Prison there shall be an order given to the Keeper of the Prison w^ch^. order must be signed by the Justice which committs the Person to Prison & he is also to incert the Cause of the Complaint.

Justices of the Choultry

MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

All houses not registered to be so.

The Deputy Gov^r^. also thinks proper that all houses within these Limitts that are not allready register'd be now register'd upon the Choultry Books, free of all Charges, & that they shall be allow'd three months time for the same, after which time if any one shall be found to have a house that has not been duly register'd it is to be Confiscated to the Company.

GEO. MORTON PITT.
AUG^S^. BURTON.
EDW^D^. CROKE.
ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
ROB^T^. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^D^. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

16 Ensign Hollond Commission read.
19 Mons^r^. Mollandin with his Lady from Pond^ry^.
22 Mons^r^. Mollandine return'd to Pond^ry^.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 29TH. THE WORSP^LL^. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R^. DEPUTY GOV^R^.
MESSRS. EDW^D^. CROKE. ROB^T^. BERRIMAN.
ROB^T^. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^D^. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^t^. for last month, the ballance whereof is Pag^s^. —. 12. 30. due from him.

Paymrs. Accot. for Octr. last.

The Extraordinary Expence from the above mention'd Account arises Chiefly from Charges Extraordinary sending Prisoners to Madrass & repairs in some of the buildings.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for Octr. read. Paymaster advanced 1400 pags

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads the Account for last month, the ballance paid in is Pag^s^. 126. 19. 66.

ORDER'D that Pag^s^. 1400 be advanc'd Robert Berriman Paymaster.

— *NOVEMBER 1727* —

Mr. Richard Gilman being very sencible of the great Charge this Settlement is to our Hon^ble^. Masters & as he is willing to reduce the Expences as much as lyes in his power he now presents us with an Acco^t^. of the Persons that are in pay under the Storekeeper & how they are employ'd, & proposes to reduce the Charges in that Article Pag^s^. 7. 8. per mensem which we approve of, & hope it will also prevail upon others to follow this good example. Storekeeper delivers in a List of Persons under him, retrenches the Expences.

Mr. Aug^s^. Burton Warehausekeeper pays Pag^s^. 39. —. 60. in full of his last months ballance & reports he has deliver'd up the Warehouse remains to Mr. Edw^d^. Croke, the Acco^t^. of Remains are now produced & interchangeably Sign'd between. Warehousekrs. ballance paid, the Acco^t^. remains delivered in.

Order'd that a Generall Letter be wrote to the Hon^ble^. President & Council to advise of Mr. Burton's Setting out this night for Madrass & to enclose our Cash Acco^t^. & our Surgeon's indent for medicines wanting here. Genll. Letter to Madrass read.

Sha Permall pays Pag^s^. 1194. 31. 48. in full of his Debt. Money paid by Sha Permall.

Geo. Morton Pitt.
Aug^s^. Burton.
Edw^d^. Croke.
Rob^t^. Berriman.
Rob^t^. Brooke.
Peter Tahourdin.
Rich^d^. Gilman.
John Graham.

Messrs. Burton & Tullie set out for Madrass. 29

At a Consultation

Present

The Worsp^ll^. George Morton Pitt Esq^r^. Deputy Gov^r^.
Messrs. Edw^d^. Croke. Rob^t^. Berriman.
Rob^t^. Brooke. Peter Tahourdin.
Rich^d^. Gilman. John Graham.

Wednesday 27th.

Generall Letter from the Hon^ble^. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 2th instant read, adviseing the Sarum's arrivall from Bengall & that the London & Prince William were dispatch'd from thence but are to touch at Vizagapatam in their way to Madrass. Genll. Letter from Madrass.

They inclose a Copy of a letter from the President & Council of Fort William who writes them that a Person who goes by the name of Mustapha & sometimes Jean Baptista is lately run'd away from Bengall with upwards of nine thousand rupees belonging to the English there besides a demand the President of Madrass has on him from Aleppo, & as it is believ'd he went on a French Mocha ship from Bengall which was to touch at Pondicherry they direct that we use our interest with the said Governor of Pondicherry to get him into our hands or that he may be secured in order to be prosecuted in their Court. A Person named Mustapha alias Jean Baptista supposed to be at Pondry. having run from Bengall with 9,000 rups.

They order that all the Evidences that has been lately at Madrass & such others as we think materiall in the affair of Mr. Packer be all sent up against the 5th of January next. Evidences to be sent up in the affair of Mr. Packer.

— *DECEMBER 1727* —

Letter from M. Le Noir Mustapha is not to be found neither there nor at Porto Novo.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. reports that immediately upon the receipt of our last Generall Letter from Madrass, he wrote Monsieur Le Noir requesting the favour of him that the abovesaid Mustapha alias Jean Baptista might be deliver'd up to us or to have him secur'd that he might be prosecuted in their Courts, in answer to which it was wrote him that he had been there, & was design'd for this place, but that afterwards he went a board their Mocha ship to Portonovo. The Deputy Gov^{r}. has since enquir'd at that place but no such Person is to be found.

10,000 Pags. from Madrass Severall rents paid.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. reports that on the 18th instant he rec^{d}. ten thousand Pag^{s}. from Madrass & that on the same day he rec^{d}. Pagodas 833. 12. being the last Quarters Rent due from the old Bound Renters, & Pag^{s}. 425. for the last Quarters rent due from the Tobacco & Bettle Farmers upon the old farm.

Money paid the Merchants.

He also reports he has paid the Merchants this Month at two Severall payments Pag^{s}. 5133. 30. 60. on their running Contract.

Great Scarcity of Grain.

The Deputy Gov^{r}. representing to us the great scarcity of Grain in this place is occasion'd by not having had the usuall rains, & the disputes between the Renters in the Country have put a stop to the Grain coming hither or elsewhere, & as there are no stores in the Bounds the People liveing from hand to mouth it is

To advise Madrass of it.

AGREED that we write to the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Madrass to desire some of the Northern boats may be sent to supply this Settlement till the Grain is more Plentifull.

Paymaster 1900 Pagodas.

ORDER'D that Pag^{s}. 1900 be advanced Robert Berriman Paymaster.

Cuddalore Land Custrs. Accot. for Nov^{r}. read.

Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 101. 11. 50. which is now paid.

Warehouse Accot. for November read.

Edw^{d}. Croke Warehousekeeper reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, ballance due from him is Pag^{s}. 607.

Journall parcells to the last of October.

He also reads the Journall Parcells to the last of October.

Cuddalore Sea Custrs. Accot. for Nov. read.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 128. 24. 4.

Storekeepers Accot. for Novr. read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that Acco^{t}. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^{s}. 130. 26. 38.

Tevenapatam Sea & Land Custrs. Accot. for Novr. read Balce. paid.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, the Ballance whereof paid in is Pagodas 81. 10. 36.

Paymasters Accot. for Novr. read.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^{t}. for last month, Particulars viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison	1142	2	12
Charges Hospitall	20	19	54
Charges Generall	57	18	4
Peons & Servants wages	269	29	—
Charges Extraordinary	135	4	68
Fortifications & Repairs	3	27	66
Fort House & Buildings	7	29	74
Garrison Cost & Charges	11	22	14
Warehouse Godowns	1	27	72
Company's Garden	2	25	20
Charges Cattle	50		—
Charges Dyett	248	—	—
	1950	26	64

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Most of the Extraordinary Expence in the above Acco^{t}. arises from the Deputy Gov^{rs}. travelling Charges, Setting up a New Flagg Staff & some repairs in the Fort.

GEORGE MORTON PITT.
EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
RONERT [*sic*] BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

Mr. Naish set out for Pondicherry 30

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